

## Annual Meeting Wrap Up

*Members enjoyed a free meal, information booths and door prizes.*

The Boone County Fairgrounds received more than nine inches of rain in the days leading up to Boone Electric's Annual Meeting. But the skies broke clear and blue on Friday, July 9 for the 73rd annual event.

More than 1,341 registered members and 3,634 people attended the festivities. They enjoyed a fried chicken or barbecue meal. A children's carnival included rides, bounce houses and sno cones. Kids could also feed llamas, goats, ducks and chickens at the petting zoo.

Members were treated to two different types of music. A jazz quintet led by Huston Snell played in the registration area. The band Strictly Country entertained the crowd in the multipurpose room prior to the business meeting.

There were several informational booths the membership could visit. Two BEC linemen displayed the tools of their trade and talked with members about what they do on a day-to-day basis.

Members also learned how to save money on their energy bills at a large display featuring ways to make a home more energy efficient. Boone Electric's



Four cooperative members won \$250 electric credits. From left are Bill Bradshaw, Mrs. Russell Carson, Betty Sheridan, Mrs. Paul Donner and BEC's Manager of Communications/HR Vicki Kemna.

power supplier, Associated Electric Cooperative Inc., displayed a miniature version of a windmill like those at four windmill farms in northwest Missouri.

Three incumbent board members were reelected to their positions. Voting results were as follows:

### District 1:

Wayne Wilcox - 405  
Joyce Kemner - 270

### District 2:

Karen Kinkead - 431  
Tim Rost - 247

### District 3:

Larry Traxler - 334  
Kimberly Ponder - 216  
Thomas Mendenhall - 122

BEC General Manager Todd Culley and Board President Joel Bullard each spoke during the business meeting, discussing the past year at the cooperative and looking to the future.

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Annual Meeting, scheduled July 8.

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BEC's Richard Roof talks with a member about how to make her home more energy efficient.

## Member Information

### Community Support Programs You Can Add to Your Bill

**Operation Round-Up**  
Helps fund the Boone Electric Community Trust, which provides financial assistance to charitable organizations in BEC's service territory.

**C.A.S.H.**  
Provides utility assistance to low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Funds administered by City/County Health Department.

**H.E.L.P.**  
Provides utility assistance to low-income families with children. Funds administered by City/County Health Department.




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## Member Information



### Winners of the tree drawing from the BEC Right of Way Department

Dennis Schnell, Sturgeon  
Janie Durham, Clark

Barb Rodgers, Columbia  
Scott Hosack, Columbia



### Annual Meeting Prize Winners

Catfish Corner Gift Certificate -- David Forward, Columbia  
Chevy's Fresh Mex Gift Certificate -- Carole Wallace, Centralia  
Jazz Restaurant Gift Certificate -- Nancy Franklin, Hallsville  
Culver's Restaurant Gift Certificate -- Sandra Falloon, Columbia  
Surge protector -- Katie Theissen, Columbia  
Surge protector -- Michael Akers, Columbia  
Weather radio -- Leona Ray, Columbia  
Crock pot -- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Centralia  
BEC stadium blanket -- Robert E. Grant, Columbia  
Auto safety kit -- Margery Faye Pugh, Columbia  
Break Time gift card -- Dale Andrews, Columbia  
Break Time gift card -- Howard Smith, Columbia  
Break Time gift card -- Ralph Worley, Columbia  
Break Time gift card -- Gregory and Maureen Kuchy, Harrisburg  
Break Time gift card -- Rita Sue Proctor, Harrisburg  
Break Time gift card -- Dorothy Lawman, Columbia  
Wal-Mart gift card -- Jimmie Bennett, Ashland  
Wal-Mart gift card -- Solomon Yoder, Harrisburg  
Hy-Vee gift card -- Neal Brooks, Columbia  
Hy-Vee gift card -- John Thorpe, Ashland  
Hy-Vee gift card -- Donald Belcher, Rocheport  
\$40 BEC credit certificate -- Mary Nowlin, Columbia  
\$40 BEC credit certificate -- Katherine Sapp, Columbia  
\$40 BEC credit certificate -- Michelle Steinhauer, Columbia  
\$40 BEC credit certificate -- Kimberly Earney, Columbia  
\$40 BEC credit certificate -- John Cook, Columbia  
\$100 BEC credit certificate -- Larry Morris, Columbia  
\$250 BEC credit certificate -- Betty Sheridan, Hallsville  
\$250 BEC credit certificate -- Russell R. Carson, Columbia  
\$250 BEC credit certificate -- Paul E. Donner, Harrisburg  
\$250 BEC credit certificate -- Bill Bradshaw, Columbia



# Thank You to Everyone Involved

*That includes you, the member.*



Todd Culley  
General Manager/  
CEO

**I**t takes a large group effort each year to pull off the Boone Electric Annual Meeting. Certainly that group includes cooperative employees and volunteers. But it also means you, the member-owner, who attended the 73rd annual event. We certainly couldn't have Annual Meeting if you didn't show up.

Thank you for attending the annual meeting; it was good to see so many of you there. I hope you enjoyed all the festivities, from the meal to the carnival rides and great music from Strictly Country and the Huston Snell group.

If you've been coming for a number of years, you probably noticed some changes to the registration area. We made use of the new covered warm-up arena, attempting to spread out a bit and keep members from standing in the sun any longer than necessary. The changes seemed to run smoothly. I hope you agree.

Those of you who attended will receive a survey, either in the mail or electronically. Please give us your feedback on the changes and on all parts to the meeting.

It was also great to see your positive reaction when President Bullard announced not only that there would be no rate increase this year, but also that the cooperative planned to retire \$2 million in patronage capital to the membership at the end of the year.

In addition, I enjoyed sharing with you how your cooperative has been looking for (and finding) ways to reduce general and operating expenses where possible, without sacrificing service quality.

Though we didn't talk in depth about it this year, please keep in mind



*A member-elected board of directors is one of the founding principles of electric cooperatives. Exercising that voting privilege is a key facet to annual meeting each year.*

the importance of remaining involved in the political action process. Politics, more than anything else, play an integral role in our long-term construction and finance plans - all of which has a direct impact on the rates you pay.

Several times we've asked you to contact our elected officials to express concern over pending legislation. The time may come again when we need to "rally the troops."

Again, thank you for being involved, and never forget that it was this membership, long ago, that started this cooperative. It will always remain your cooperative. Best wishes for a safe and productive second half of the year.



## Touchstone Energy

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