

OWEN ELECTRIC CONNECTION

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Time to connect to health savings

February is Wise Health Care Consumer Month, a perfect time to connect to savings on medicine and other health care costs. Owen Electric members can do just that with the free Touchstone Energy Co-op Connections program.

Just by being a co-op member, you can save money on prescriptions and health care expenses such as vision and dental—in February, and every month. Being “connected” means you get more than 150,000 discounts from businesses in our area and national companies. There are also cash-back offers for online shoppers and deals for travelers.

It was a dental offer that convinced Billie Smith to give Co-op Connections a try. The teacher’s savings story began in 2016 when her son was getting braces.

“I saw an ad at the orthodontist’s office about how I could get a discount through Co-op Connections,” she says. Thanks to their “powerful connection,” the Smiths netted a 20% discount on their orthodontic bill.

The discount was again applied when a second child needed braces. The Smiths saved a whopping \$1,758 in all, thanks to their orthodontist participating in the program.

“Thinking about the things we



Billie Smith saved \$1,758 on the cost of braces for her children, Liddie June and Davis, through the Co-op Connections program available from Owen Electric. Photo: Tim Webb

could do by saving that money—just by being co-op members—was great,” Billie says.

She now looks for a Co-op Connections discount whenever she shops. Visit www.connections.coop to find a list of businesses that participate in the co-op discount program.

The money saved using Co-op Connections is a win-win for her family, Billie says. “We not only get these great discounts, but we also get affordable, reliable service.”

You can start saving today, too. Find discounts immediately by downloading the free Co-op

Connections app for mobile devices. Search “Co-op Connections” in your favorite app store. If you prefer to use a discount card, call our office at (800) 372-7612, option 4, to request one.

Get connected, and keep more money in your pocket. Co-op Connections—it’s just one more benefit of being a member of Owen Electric.

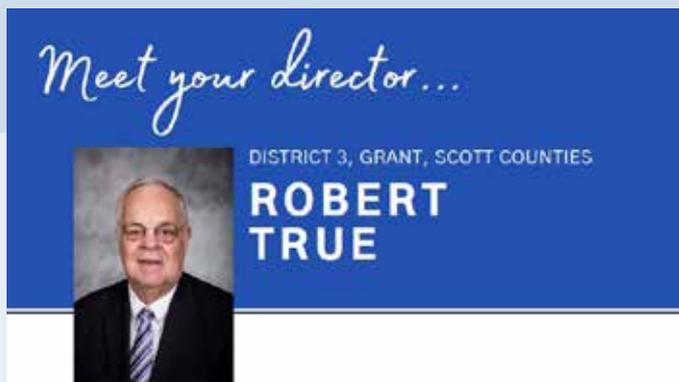
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Meet your cooperative directors

We're continuing our Meet Your Cooperative Director series, inviting you to learn more about the directors that serve Owen Electric's membership. This month features Bob True, District 3—Grant and Scott counties, and Alan Ahrman, District 4—Pendleton and Campbell counties.



Bob True

For more than 28 years, Bob True, a native of Corinth, has served on the Owen Electric Board of Directors as the representative of District 3, Grant and Scott counties. "Service" has been a common thread throughout his personal and professional career.

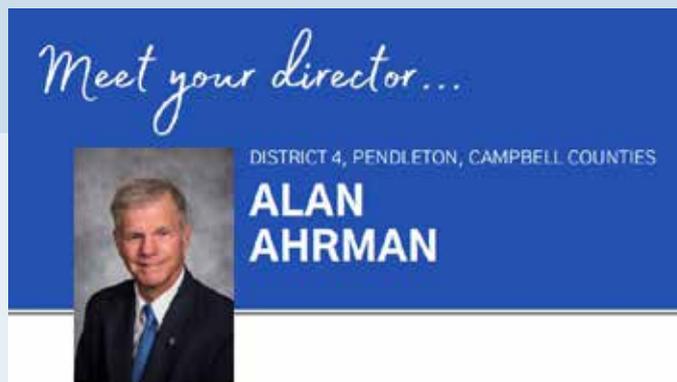
Graduating from Grant County High School in 1963, Bob went on to attain his teaching and master's degrees from Eastern Kentucky University by 1969, followed by his Rank 1 in 1971. Between 1967 and his retirement in 1994, Bob taught social studies and served as an elementary and middle school principal. Aside from education, Bob also ran a service station and motel for 20 years.

"I enjoy the opportunity to serve my community, and I've always loved just being around people," Bob says.

Now, outside of his duties as an Owen Electric Director, Bob is active in his church, Corinth Christian, where he is an elder, Sunday School teacher, treasurer and board chairman. He's a member of the Kentucky Historical Society, as well as the Kentucky and Grant County Retired Teachers associations.

"I have a wealth of memories of people I have served with and for, and as long as I have the ability, I'll continue to be active in my community however I can," Bob says. "I always appreciate the opportunity to meet and talk with members each year at our annual meeting, but its also the weekly and monthly interactions, and being able to talk with people when they ask how things are going at the co-op."

Bob has a daughter, Lisa, and two grandchildren, Jansen and Kacia.



Alan Ahrman

Alan Ahrman has served as the director representing District 4, Pendleton and Campbell counties, since 2011. A native of Campbell County, Alan graduated from Western Kentucky University with his education degree; from Northern Kentucky University with his master's degree; and the University of Cincinnati with his Rank 1. Now retired, Alan spent his career as a teacher at Campbell County High School and as principal at Grant's Lick Elementary School.

In addition to his work within the school system, Alan enjoys being active within his church, Grant's Lick Baptist. He is also a lifelong farmer and specializes in freezer beef sales. True to his agricultural roots and interests, Alan spent 20 years as an officer with the Campbell County Conservation District and remains involved in his local beef association and Cooperative Extension programs.

"I've enjoyed my tenure with the cooperative because I've learned a whole new business," Alan says. "I've also enjoyed meeting and working with directors from around the state, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board and work with current directors to make Owen Electric successful."

An avid backpacker, Alan has backpacked in most of the major national parks and in three foreign countries. His highlight: a three-week trip on the John Muir Trail in California covering 220 miles.

Alan is married to Peggy, and they have three children—Jim, Larry and Jill—and five grandchildren—Sam and Maddie Ahrman, and Emma, Lucy and George Sowards.

PHOTOS: TIM WEBB

Safety Matters

Protect kids from electrical hazards

Accidents can occur when young children have an opportunity to explore their home and unintentionally expose themselves to electrical dangers. Without proper precaution, everyday items such as power strips, space heaters, outlets and cords can pose a threat.

Especially for toddlers and young children, it is a must to childproof your house from electrical hazards. Luckily, this task is easy to do, and it's usually inexpensive.

Look at your home from a child's point of view. Get down on the floor and see what is at eye level or within reach of a small child. Don't forget to check for potential hazards behind tables, dressers and furniture.

Little fingers seem to be attracted to electrical outlets, so be sure and place outlet plug covers on all the ones that are low to the ground.

Store electric appliances—like hair dryers and toasters—out of reach of curious children.

Your home may have a space with many power cords and power bars.



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Put barriers around this area and tie up loose cords. If you're temporarily using extension cords, hide them behind furniture or use a hide-a-cord device. You can also put electrical tape over unused plug holes on cords.

When using a space heater, establish a 3-foot, kid-free zone, and never put a space heater in a child's room or

leave it untended. Be sure to keep the heater at least 3 feet away from furniture, bedding and curtains.

Begin the educational process as soon as your child can crawl and remind the kids in your home to always be safe when dealing with electricity.

Owen Electric cares about keeping your family safe.



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Making sports fun

Journeyman Lineman Simon Peters tells why he volunteers as a soccer coach through Owen County Parks and Recreation. “The main reason I coach is to make sure that the kids in the community are having fun while playing soccer. I really enjoy hearing the laughs and the giggles of the children while I try to make learning a sport fun.

“The majority of the time, it is me being silly and just having fun with the kids. Some of my best memories are seeing children build their confidence when they make their first soccer goal or anything that makes their face light up. I have made so many friendships through this sport, and it blesses me so much.”



Journeyman Lineman Simon Peters gives directions from the sidelines. Peters dedicates two or more evenings a week as a U10 soccer coach through Owen County Parks and Recreation. Photo: Whitney Duvall

Summary of Owen Electric’s bylaws relating to annual election process for directors

Each member shall receive notice and be eligible to vote and participate in the annual meeting. Our process for the election of directors, as defined fully in the bylaws, is as follows: A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to April 12, 2021. The Nominating Committee shall meet and nominate qualified individuals for directorship on the Owen Electric Board by April 27, 2021, and post these names at the offices of the Cooperative. If a member wishes to be placed on the ballot for the position for which the term is expiring, the member must secure a petition signed by forty (40) members who reside in the same district and then present the signed petition at the OEC President’s office at the headquarters location in Owenton by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on April 2, 2021. To review more information pertaining to the annual meeting, the election process, and the Board of Directors, refer to the complete Owen Electric bylaws found in the December 2020 edition of *Kentucky Living*, on our website in the Member Resources option under the My Co-op tab, or call (800) 372-7612 to request a current copy of Owen Electric’s bylaws.