

## News From Your Manager



*Randy Grogan*

It is hard to believe that the end of 2018 is upon us. Just a few weeks ago the Cooperative had its sixty-third annual meeting. I appreciate everyone who was able to attend the meeting. It was a good afternoon of fellowship, learning, refreshments and fun as many won prizes as well as the door gift that was given to all in attendance. I enjoyed sharing information of the activities of the Cooperative this past year.

This year BTC increased speeds of existing internet packages and also added internet packages that are offered on a stand-alone basis. Internet speeds are now available up to one gigabit. We also finished and turned over the remainder of our members to fiber which completed BTC's 100% buried fiber optic network. There were also upgrades of additional electronic equipment within our network. All this work was done to provide our members with a state-of-art telecommunications network that is second to none.

I want to thank our hard working and devoted BTC staff. It takes a great team to make BTC the company it is and we are striving to be the best we can be in our industry. I would also like to thank our trustees for their direction, support and service to the Cooperative. Most of all, I would like to thank all of our members because without you there would be no Cooperative. Please call us with any questions or concerns. We are here to serve you.

I hope you and your family had a happy Thanksgiving and as winter quickly approaches, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Maybe Christmas, he  
thought, doesn't come  
from a store.

Maybe  
Christmas, ... perhaps ...  
means a  
little bit more!





*BTC's Board of Trustees and Attorney would like to wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



L to R, (back row):  
Mike Jones-Gage,  
Jack Giles-Wickliffe,  
Mark Medlin-Attorney,  
Mickey Davis-Heath  
  
L to R, (front row):  
Joe B. Whipple-LaCenter,  
Carol Cooper-Kevil,  
Peggy Meriedeth-Barlow,  
Durwood Whipple-Bandana



## **TELETHON OF STARS!**



For the past seven years, Jacob Sullivan has worked at BTC each Friday morning. Jacob also attends the Easter Seals in Paducah. The employees raised \$1,200 for Jacob to present at the Telethon of Stars in November. BTC is proud of Jacob and blessed to have him join us each Friday Morning!

## **BTC Veteran's Video**

The BTC YouTube page is featuring our veterans this month. Many of our members have sent in pictures of family members and friends that have bravely served in the military. We thank each one of you who have served to defend our nation and protect our freedoms. We appreciate your service! To watch the salute to our veterans, go to YouTube and search for BTC Veterans.

# SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

## Attention High School Seniors!

All high school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of BTC can apply for two scholarship opportunities. One is from BTC directly at Ballard Memorial High School or McCracken County High School and the other scholarship is through the Foundation for Rural Service.

The FRS awards several scholarships each year in the amount of \$2,500 for the first-year of college or vocational school. To apply, download and complete the scholarship application at <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships>. All scholarship applications must be received by March 1, 2019, and must be signed by the manager of BTC - Randy Grogan.

BTC offers two local scholarships, one at Ballard Memorial High School and McCracken County High School. The parents or guardians must be a member of BTC to apply for the \$1,000 scholarship. Please contact the guidance counselors for the application and deadline.



## AUTOMATICALLY PAY YOUR BILL

BTC offers you different ways to pay your bill automatically. With all the post office changes over the last few years, it takes longer and longer for your payment to be received by BTC through the mail. BTC can take your payment over the phone or you can bring it to the office, but that requires time and effort. BTC offers an on-line payment option and an automatic payment option.

The on-line pay system is called E-Care. You can register for E-Care at [https://brtc.cdg.ws/main/ecar/m\\_ecar\\_login.php](https://brtc.cdg.ws/main/ecar/m_ecar_login.php). You can manage when you pay your bill, receive your bill via email and review your services on-line. E-Care also allows you to set-up your bill to be paid automatically.

BTC can pay your bill automatically by a bank draft or with your debit/credit card. BTC will draft your bank account or card on the seventh day of each month. Automatic pay means you never forget to pay your bill and you will never be late. Contact our office at 270-665-5186 and we can set up auto pay for you or help you register for E-Care. With E-Care, you no longer have to be concerned with the mail.



## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We need to update your contact information. BTC would like to contact you if we have planned outages or if we have unexpected outages that affect many subscribers. Occasionally we need to contact you directly about your service for required maintenance as well. Please provide BTC your email and/or cell phone number by calling our office at 270-665-5186 or email your contact information to us at [baltel@brtc.net](mailto:baltel@brtc.net).



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from BTC*

The Staff and Management of BTC wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and safe Holiday season! It is easy to let the holidays become overwhelming, so take time to enjoy the company of family and friends. BTC wishes you a Happy New Year and many blessings for 2019!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**BTC WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:**

Monday, December 24th office closes at noon

Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25 • New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1

President's Day Monday, February 18



# Christmas Cookie Pizza

Sugar Cookie Mix (17.5 oz)

¼ cup Hershey's special dark Cocoa

½ cup (1 stick) butter softened

1 egg

1 tub (8 oz) frozen non-dairy topping, thawed

½ cup Hershey's Milk Chocolate Chips

1 tsp shortening

Assorted holiday sprinkles

- 1) Heat oven to 350° F. Line cooking sheet with parchment paper, extending paper at least 1 inch beyond sides and ends of pan.
- 2) Stir together cookie mix and cocoa in large bowl until well blended and no lumps remain. Add butter and egg; stir until soft dough forms (hand knead if necessary).
- 3) Press cookie dough evenly into 10 to 12 inch circle on prepared cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center of cookie comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Transfer cookie to serving platter or leave on cookie sheet.
- 4) Place milk chocolate chips and shortening in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at medium (50%) 30 seconds; stir. If necessary, microwave at medium an additional 10 seconds at a time, stirring after each heating, until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred, set aside.
- 5) Top cooled cookie with whipped topping to within ¼ inch of edge. Drizzle with melted chocolate and garnish with holiday sprinkles. Cut into slices and serve immediately. Cover and refrigerate leftover pizza. Makes 12 servings.

VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS





# KENTUCKY MEN'S BASKETBALL

## 2018-19 Schedule



Date	Opponent	TV	Time/Result
Oct. 12 (Fri.)	BIG BLUE MADNESS		7 P.M.
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	BLUE-WHITE GAME		7 P.M.
Oct. 26 (Fri.)	*TRANSYLVANIA		7 P.M.
Nov. 2 (Fri.)	*INDIANA UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA		7 P.M.
Nov. 6 (Tue.)	<sup>1</sup> vs. Duke	<b>ESPN</b>	9:30 P.M.
Nov. 9 (Fri.)	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS		7 P.M.
Nov. 14 (Wed.)	<sup>2</sup> NORTH DAKOTA		9 P.M.
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	<sup>2</sup> VMI		6 P.M.
Nov. 21 (Wed.)	<sup>2</sup> WINTHROP		1 P.M.
Nov. 23 (Fri.)	<sup>2</sup> TENNESSEE STATE		7 P.M.
Nov. 28 (Wed.)	MONMOUTH		8:30 P.M.
Dec. 1 (Sat.)	UNC GREENSBORO		4 P.M.
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	<sup>3</sup> vs. Seton Hall	<b>FOX</b>	Noon
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	UTAH	<b>ESPN 2</b>	5 P.M.
Dec. 22 (Sat.)	<sup>4</sup> vs. North Carolina		5:15 P.M.
Dec. 29 (Sat.)	at Louisville	<b>ESPN 2</b>	2 P.M.
Jan. 5 (Sat.)	*at Alabama	<b>ESPN</b>	Noon/1 P.M.
Jan. 8 (Tue.)	*TEXAS A&M	<b>ESPN/ESPN 2</b> /	7 P.M.
Jan. 12 (Sat.)	*VANDERBILT		8:30 P.M.
Jan. 15 (Tue.)	*at Georgia	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b> /	7 P.M.
Jan. 19 (Sat.)	*at Auburn	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	4/6 P.M.
Jan. 22 (Tue.)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	7 P.M.
Jan. 26 (Sat.)	<sup>5</sup> KANSAS	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	6 P.M.
Jan. 29 (Tue.)	*at Vanderbilt	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	9 P.M.
Feb. 2 (Sat.)	*at Florida	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	4/6 P.M.
Feb. 5 (Tue.)	*SOUTH CAROLINA		7 P.M.
Feb. 9 (Sat.)	*at Mississippi State		1 P.M.
Feb. 12 (Tue.)	*LSU	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	7 P.M.
Feb. 16 (Sat.)	*TENNESSEE	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	8 P.M.
Feb. 19 (Tue.)	*at Missouri	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b>	9 P.M.
Feb. 23 (Sat.)	*AUBURN		1:30 P.M.
Feb. 26 (Tue.)	*ARKANSAS	<b>ESPN/ESPN 2</b> /	9 P.M.
Mar. 2 (Sat.)	*at Tennessee		2 P.M.
Mar. 5 (Tue.)	*at Ole Miss	<b>ESPN / ESPN 2</b> /	9 P.M.
Mar. 9 (Sat.)	*FLORIDA		2 P.M.
Mar. 13-17 (We-Su)	<sup>6</sup> SEC Tournament	<b>ESPN</b> /	TBA

ALL TIMES EASTERN; HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

\*Exhibition Games \*Conference Games

<sup>1</sup>Champions Classic (Bankers Life Fieldhouse | Indianapolis); <sup>2</sup>Ohio Valley Hardwood Showcase (Rupp Arena | Lexington, Ky.);

<sup>3</sup>Citi Hoops Classic (Madison Square Garden | New York); <sup>4</sup>CBS Sports Classic (United Center | Chicago);

<sup>5</sup>SEC/Big 12 Challenge (Rupp Arena | Lexington, Ky.); <sup>6</sup>SEC Tournament (Bridgestone Arena | Nashville, Tenn.)

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