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President and CEO

## Celebrating our independence

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from Great Britain and King George III. Two days later, through the reading and adoption of the Declaration of



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Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, Independence Day was born.

Each year on the Fourth of July, we celebrate our nation's heritage and reflect on the power of democracy. A strong democracy is built on participation, cooperation and the belief that every vote counts. The principles that guide our nation also direct Grayson RECC.

Cooperatives are founded on seven guiding principles that make us different than other business models. These principles help unite us with common goals, just as the Declaration of Independence did for the colonies 246 years ago.

Among them is the declaration that cooperatives are autonomous and independent. When you sign up for service from Grayson RECC, you also became a member-owner of this cooperative.

Our co-op is independently controlled by those it serves, and not by investors or shareholders who seek profit.

Another cooperative principle states

that we are a democratic organization. Every member-owner of Grayson RECC has the right to vote for the co-op's directors. No matter how much energy you consume, you have an equal vote in board elections.

The directors that you elect have the final say on all major decisions made by our cooperative, from the policies that are set to the rates we charge for electricity.

Like you, these board members live in our service area, are member-owners and purchase electricity from Grayson RECC.

This connection between our directors, our communities and our cooperative helps them make decisions that are in the best interests of all owner-members.

This Independence Day, I hope you'll join me in celebrating our cooperative difference and the democratic process that makes both our country and our cooperative strong.

# Welcome new board directors

Danny W. Mabry was recently nominated to serve as a director for Grayson RECC representing the members in Rowan County. Mabry and his wife, Reshia, reside in Rowan County. He served 20 years on the Rowan County School Board and served as vice-chairman. He is president of the Rowan County Farm Bureau Federation. He is a business owner and enjoys aviation, gardening, beekeeping, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys spending time with his family, but especially his granddaughter.



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Kayla Webb was appointed to the Grayson RECC Board of Directors to fulfill the term vacated by former director, Billy E. (Eddie) Martin. Kayla represents members in Greenup and Lewis counties. She is a registered nurse and works as an ambulatory infusion clinic nurse. She and her husband, Richie, daughter, Hadley, and son, Dominic, enjoy camping, attending ballgames and cattle shows.



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## Thank you, Director Kenneth Arrington

After serving nearly 21 years as director of Lawrence County, Kenneth Arrington of Blaine announced his resignation effective immediately at Grayson's April board meeting on April 22, 2022.

Arrington's service began on May 25, 2001, and has helped govern the direction of Grayson RECC in many roles, including serving as Grayson RECC's representative to the board of directors for East Kentucky Power Cooperative and the statewide association, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives. Kenneth played a key role in development of the Kentucky Lineman license plate. This specialty plate has generated over \$100,000 since its inception. This money is donated to lineman training schools across Kentucky. He is also a United States Army veteran serving our country from 1964–1970.

We thank Kenneth for his service to our country and the many years of service to the Grayson RECC Board of Directors and its members.



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At a glance

# Working to keep fuel costs down

Over the past year, demand for goods and services has outpaced supply, driving up prices for just about everything. You see it at the gasoline pump and the grocery store, and you've probably noticed it on your electric bill, too.

The cost of fuel to make electricity has gone up, too, increasing Grayson RECC's costs.

Due to a number of government policies, coal and nuclear power plants are being closed across the country and are not being replaced. As a result, natural gas is being used at a much higher rate than in the past. The gas industry is dealing with its own issues with fuel delivery, and it costs significantly more than it did even two years ago.

As the U.S. adds renewables and closes reliable coal and nuclear power plants, another factor has come into play: worldwide demand for natural gas. Natural gas exports take



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away some of the domestic supply, and upset the situation further.

While solar and wind are affordable when they are producing energy, they are not always producing. When the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow, we have to turn to reliable

resources like coal, gas and nuclear.

Hard-working families and America's industries depend on sensible, balanced energy policies that protect reliable, affordable energy while increasing sustainability at a reasonable pace. That is what your cooperative is fighting for.

## ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE SAFETY

is as fundamental as the ABCs

Efforts to improve the safety of electrical receptacles have produced three types you might want to have installed in your home, if they are not there already.

### TAMPER-RESISTANT RECEPTACLES (TRRs)

prevent objects other than plugs from being put into outlets.

### GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTERS (GFCIs)

shut down a circuit the instant they detect a potential shock situation.

### ARC FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTERS (AFCIs)

prevent electrical fires.



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# March 2022 Board Briefs

- Director Jimmy Whitt (Elliott County) was presented with a certificate for completion of the NRECA Director's Gold Certificate.
- Kilowatt-hour sales for the month of January were 6.64% over budget and purchases were 9.91% over budget. The monthly TIER for January was 14.25.
- Grayson RECC employees have worked 483,073.5 hours without a lost-time accident.
- A nominating committee met to fill the obligations of cooperative bylaws to fill the vacated seat in Rowan County. The committee nominated member Danny Mabry.
- Off right-of-way trees continues to be the top cause of outages.

## Pets get overheated, too

As much as you enjoy being outdoors in the summer, you probably find cool, indoor spaces—like your home, a shopping mall or a movie theater—a more comfortable place to spend lazy afternoons when it's extra hot outside.

If it's too hot for you to be outdoors, then it's too hot for your pets. In fact, pets can get even hotter than you do because they're covered with fur.

Some pet-safe tips for summer:

- Leave your dogs and cats inside your air-conditioned home when you leave for an extended period or when the heat drives you indoors yourself.
- Take walks or runs with your dogs early in the morning or at dusk when the weather is cooler than in the middle of the day.
- Remember that your pets don't wear shoes, so hot asphalt on streets and sidewalks can burn their paws.
- If you let your pets into your yard, choose plants that are safe for pets. Some of the most popular spring and summer flowering plants, like azaleas and hydrangeas, can poison pets.
- Store fertilizer out of your pets' reach.
- Bring pets indoors before using lawn tools.



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Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation exists to provide safe, efficient electricity and related services to our members, our communities, and others who may be affected by our actions and decisions.

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