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President and CEO

A Capitol idea

In the center of *Co-op News* this month, you will find the *Kentucky Electric Cooperatives 2022 Legislative Guide*, provided as a public service for Grayson RECC consumer-members.

The guide includes:

- Names and contact information of Kentucky's constitutional officers and congressional delegation.
- Kentucky Senate map with legislator photos and leadership information.
- Kentucky House map with legislator photos and leadership information.
- On page 9 of the guide, you can see the specific listing for Grayson RECC, which shows the names of the senators and representatives for each county we serve.



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I'll be carrying my copy of this guide when I visit the Capitol for the 2022 Kentucky Legislative Session, and I encourage you to save it as a handy reference. If you have a moment, please drop your legislators a line and simply tell them, "I am a member of Grayson RECC and I vote. Please stand up for Kentucky co-ops to keep our electricity safe, reliable and affordable."

To be clear, Grayson RECC is non-partisan. Along with our fellow

co-ops across Kentucky, we engage with elected leaders to educate them about the issues important to our local communities. Last year, nearly 900 bills were filed in Frankfort. We track any legislation which could affect our ability to serve you.

This year includes the full 60-day legislative calendar and legislators are

tasked with approving a new two-year budget for Kentucky. The last day for new House bills is February 28 and the last day for new Senate bills is March 2. The veto period is scheduled for April 1–12, with the final day for lawmakers to be in session on April 14.

If you get a chance to visit the Kentucky Capitol in Frankfort, be sure to stop in the rotunda where the 14-foot bronze statue of President Abraham Lincoln, shown above, has stood on a marble base since it was unveiled in 1911 by President William Howard Taft.

As we celebrate Lincoln's birthday on February 12 and the Presidents Day holiday on February 21, we can think of the many blessings of our nation and our commonwealth.

And if thinking about our nation and our commonwealth gives you pause, perhaps we can remember what Lincoln wrote to a discouraged soldier 160 years ago, "Adhere to your purpose and you will soon feel as well as you ever did."

February challenge: Save energy this month

Spring is just a month or so away. While you're waiting for warmer weather, challenge yourself and your family to spend the last month of winter saving energy, even though it might still be frosty outdoors.

Make February frugal by making a game out of saving energy. Challenge your children to compete to form energy-saving habits and to "catch" each other wasting energy.

Create a checklist for the contest and dream up a great prize for the winner. Some challenges:

- Turn off the light every single time you leave a room.
- Unplug appliances like the TV and computers at bedtime.

- Don't leave phone chargers plugged in when there's no phone attached.
- Switch off the bathroom fans once the steam has cleared after a shower.
- Wear sweaters and socks around the house so the family can set the thermostat a bit lower.
- Open exterior doors only to enter and exit the building; don't hold them open if you're not ready to walk through.



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Games involving energy savings are a great way to teach children the value of energy and the senselessness of wasting it.

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- Make friends for life
- Leadership lessons in action
- Tour the capital
- All-expense-paid, weeklong trip to D.C.



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YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.GRAYSONRECC.COM/CONTENT/YOUTH-TOURS

Grayson RECC service awards



Scott McGuire, Meterman, 1st Class
5 years of service



Ryan Rice, 1st Class Lineman
5 years of service



Bradley Cherry, President & CEO
10 years of service



*Caitlin Sexton, Division Assistant,
Accounting & Finance*
10 years of service



*Kenneth Arrington, Board of Director,
Lawrence County*
20 years of service



Michael Blevins, Maintenance Leadman
30 years of service

October 2021 Board Briefs

- Grayson RECC Annual Financial Audit Report was presented by Joe Legal of Jones, Nale & Mattingly PLC for June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021. The audit of financial records of the cooperative were found to be in good order with no deficiencies. The report was approved unanimously by the board of directors.
- East Kentucky Power Cooperative received approval on the current rate increase. It became effective on October 1, 2021. This increase raises our average member's bill by approximately 3%. The increase was to begin with the November 2021 billing statement.
- Kilowatt-hour sales for the month of August were 1.27% over budget and purchases were 3.37% over budget. Compared to August 2020, sales increased 3.43% and purchases increased 3.24%.
- An update was presented on the recent network outage effecting the main office. The Grayson RECC billing and payment system was unavailable as well as the phone system to the main office. Restoration was completed upon locating the cause of the outage and mitigation plans are underway to prepare for any future network outages.
- Cooperative employees have worked 450,988 hours as of September 30, 2021, since the last lost-time accident.

2022 Grayson RECC scholarship applications are available

- www.graysonrecc.com/content/2022-online-scholarship-application
- Applications must be received in our office **no later than February 28, 2022**
- High school counselor
- Kim.Bush@graysonrecc.com
- Call (606) 474-5136



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Online
Mobile device
Office
Drive-thru
Mail
Phone

Counties Served:
Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence,
Lewis and Rowan

Our Mission
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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