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President and CEO

## Co-op-supported STEM literacy distinguishes class of 2022

High school seniors across Grayson RECC's service area are preparing to take "the walk" this month. Donned in cap and gown, they'll stroll across stages set up on football fields and in gymnasiums to collect a diploma marking the completion of 13 years of education.

This year's class has distinguished itself in many ways, including overcoming obstacles of historic proportions. But I think the most significant achievement for the class of 2022 is that they will graduate with more science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education than any class before them.

I'm proud to say Grayson RECC played a role in making that possible.

Seven years ago, our co-op and fellow Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives entered into a public-private collaboration to launch a one-of-a-kind initiative to transform eastern Kentucky into a center for STEM education.

The innovative program's aim was to introduce high-quality, project-based STEM curriculum into schools throughout the region. The program also included training teachers who would be responsible for introducing STEM to K-12 students. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives helped to develop the project, identifying and engaging partners to fund and implement the program.



The program launched in schools in the fall of 2018, the year the class of 2022 entered high school. The enhanced STEM curriculum they were exposed to in four years now has the potential to benefit us all, says Rodney Hitch, director of economic development for Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

"Our goal is to develop one of the world's largest workforces trained in science, technology, engineering and math, centered in eastern Kentucky," he explains. "These STEM literate students are on a pathway to work in a technologically dependent society, which can ultimately help us attract more high-skill, high-wage jobs to the region."

Whether their post-graduation plans involve attending a trade school or college, or finding a job, this year's graduates are armed with STEM knowledge to prepare them for the future.

Congratulations and good luck to the class of 2022!

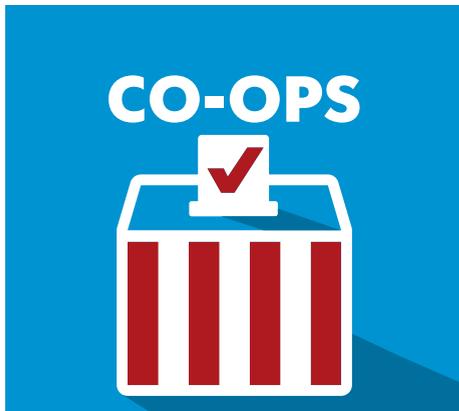
THIS SUMMER

# STAY COOL & SAFE

While A/C units and fans keep you cool in the summer, they can also pose dangers in your home.

## LOWER YOUR RISKS WHEN YOU:

- Schedule professional A/C maintenance to inspect the appliance for any issues that could lead to a fire.
- Change your air filter every 30–60 days.
- Inspect your outdoor unit periodically to ensure it has proper airflow, remove debris and clean the condenser unit.
- Use a dedicated outlet. Do not plug your window A/C unit into an extension cord or power strip.



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2022

# GRAYSON RECC ANNUAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022**  
Noon until 5 p.m.

**DRIVE-THRU REGISTRATION**  
Virtual business meeting  
at 5 p.m. on Facebook Live



KIM BUSH

## Splashdown Safety

*A family pool is a great way to spend time together.*

To make sure the memories you build are good ones, follow these simple rules:

- Never swim alone.
- Build your pool at least 25 feet away from electric lines.
- Always stay within arm's length of very small children.
- Keep electrical devices, CD players, radios, etc., away from the pool or wet surfaces.

**Make your summer fun, be safe.**  
**Your friends at Grayson RECC.**



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# January 2022 Board Briefs

- Kayla Webb was seated as a board of director representing Greenup and Lewis counties.
- President Bradley Cherry gave a report on the new cryptocurrency mining facility located in Elliott County that went on service in December 2021.
- Cherry reported that the fuel adjustment charge (a pass-through charge from power supplier East Kentucky Power Cooperative) will be substantially higher on members' future electric bills which members were to begin receiving in March.
- The 2022 Grayson RECC Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, from noon until 5 p.m. We will continue to utilize the drive-thru format.
- Grayson RECC employees have worked 471,051.5 hours without a lost-time accident.
- Year to date, sales have decreased by 1.16% while purchases have decreased by 3.83% compared to 2020.

## Don't wait for summer to get A/C inspected

A springtime tune-up can prevent your air conditioning system from going on the fritz later, when the weather is so hot that you won't want to be without the A/C for even a few hours.

It's typically around \$100 to have a professional inspection of your system, and it's well worth the money.

Some contractors offer an annual preventive maintenance agreement, which will cost a few hundred dollars a year and typically includes a fall and spring inspection of your HVAC system and discounts on repairs and equipment. While it may cost a little more to have an annual agreement, it ensures that your unit will be checked, and you won't forget



or let it go unattended for years until it breaks down.

Your cooling system will get attention from a qualified, licensed service technician who is trained to spot problems that most homeowners overlook. The tech might even alert you if a small repair now will prevent your family from sweltering this summer during an A/C breakdown.

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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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