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## The power of fatherhood

On Sunday, June 19, Grayson RECC joins sons and daughters everywhere wishing our dads a happy Father's Day.

If you need a reminder or an extra nudge to reach out to dad this year, 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of Father's Day as an official national holiday.

While President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day a national holiday in 1914, it wasn't until 58 years later, in 1972, that President Richard Nixon recognized Father's Day as an official holiday to be marked on the third Sunday in June.

Perhaps one of the reasons it took so long for a Father's Day holiday to catch up to mom is that for a lot of people it's more difficult to share feelings with fathers. In fact, a research study at Wake Forest University about 15 years ago showed that children are more likely to say "I love you" to their mother than their father.

While every family and father-child relationship is unique, we hope you have the opportunity to share either some time with your father (or father figure) or memories of him. It's on days like Father's Day that Grayson RECC is especially proud to power important family moments. Whether it's the television that displays home videos and Dad's favorite movie, or maybe it's Dad's power tools, stereo or the oven where you are making Dad



*The Cherry Family: Stacy, Micah, E.J., Maggie and Bradley. Photo: Joan Cherry*

dinner or dessert, we're heartened to energize this day.

But the real power on this holiday is the power of fatherhood, itself. Ask any pediatrician, faith leader or social scientist and they will tell you that fathers make a crucial difference. Studies show that children of involved fathers tend to have significantly better outcomes in school and in life.

To every father and to every man who has stepped up to be a father figure, thank you for your example, your sacrifice and your love.

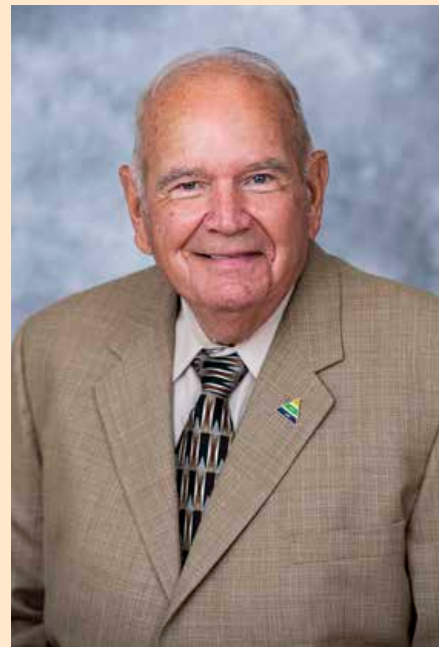
All of us at Grayson RECC hope you have a happy Father's Day!

# Thank you, Director Roger Trent

Roger Trent was elected as a Grayson RECC director representing Rowan County in May 1994. Trent has served in several capacities in his 28-year tenure with the board of directors, serving 18 years as chairman of the board of directors and most recently as vice-chairman. He has also served as a voting delegate in many meetings across the country representing Grayson

RECC in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Trent did not seek re-election and his term ended May 12, 2022. As a cooperative, we thank Roger for his dedication to Grayson RECC's board of directors. He has worked tirelessly to represent the members of Grayson RECC in Rowan County and across the system.



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## Don't make your A/C work so hard

Summertime seems to be getting hotter every year. This season, prepare your home in advance so relying more and more on your air conditioning won't show up as much on your electric bill.

Here are five ways to give your A/C a break this summer:

**1 Call an HVAC technician.** A professional can examine your system and let you know what needs repairing or replacing, which can prevent a mid-summer breakdown.

**2 Change or clean air filters.** When filters do their job properly, they trap dirt, pet hair and anything else that's floating in the air from recirculating into your home when the air conditioner is blowing. But dirty filters can prevent air from flowing, too, which makes the A/C have to work extra hard to cool your house. The solution: Change or clean your filters once a month during the summer.

**3 Run ceiling fans.** When the A/C is running at the same time as



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a ceiling fan, the room where the fan is located will feel cool enough that you can raise the thermostat by about 4 degrees. A fan doesn't cool the air, but it creates a breeze that makes anyone in the room feel cooler.

**4 Install a dehumidifier.** Another great partner for the A/C is an energy-efficient dehumidifier. Lowering the humidity in your home helps the air conditioner work more

efficiently because it doesn't have to waste energy removing moisture from the air and can concentrate on simply cooling it.

**5 Don't create heat.** On days when it's warm enough to turn on the air conditioner, turn off your oven, clothes dryer, lamps and other appliances that create heat. Wait until after dark, when the day cools off a bit, before running heat-producing machines.

# Protect against electrical hazards— Know the pool rules

Nothing beats a plunge in a backyard pool on a hot summer day. To ensure you're splish-splashing safely, take the necessary steps to protect against electrical hazards.

Know and follow these pool rules:

- All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter)-protected, covered and dry. Test GFCIs monthly to ensure they are functioning properly.
- All electrical equipment used for the pool, even the cleaning equipment, must be grounded.
- Keep electrical devices and cords at least 10 feet away from water sources.
- Don't handle any device that is connected to a live electrical current while wet or touching wet surfaces. Safer: Use battery-operated appliances.
- Carry long-handled cleaning



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tools horizontally and stay at least 10 feet away from power lines.

- Never string electric lights above or near swimming pools.
- Label power switches so they can be turned off quickly in an emergency.
- Watch for flickering lights, which may indicate an electrical failure or

loose connection. Don't go into the water until a licensed electrician checks the problem.

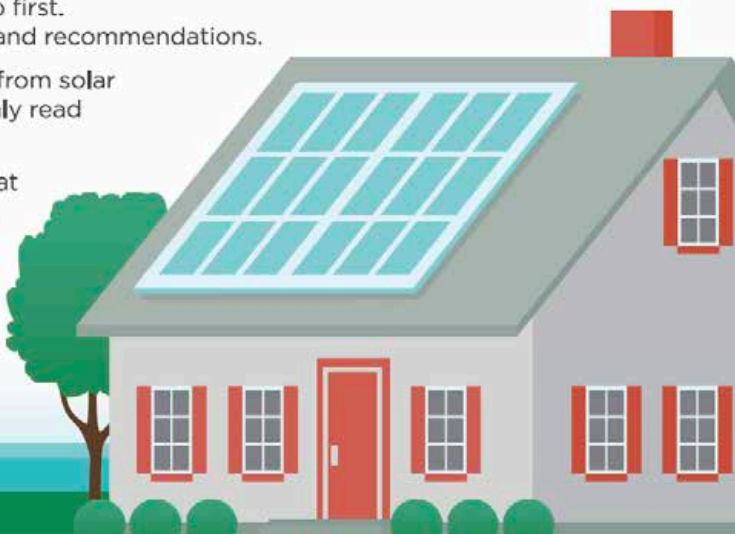
- Never go in the water during a thunderstorm.

It can be easy to overlook, but electrical safety is extremely important around water. Remember and abide by the pool rules.

## TIPS FOR AVOIDING SOLAR SCAMS

As the popularity of rooftop solar panels increases, so do solar scams. Here are a few tips to consider before you install a solar PV system for your home.

- Talk to your electric co-op first. They can offer guidance and recommendations.
- Get at least three quotes from solar companies, and thoroughly read their reviews.
- Avoid solar companies that use high-pressure tactics.
- Don't believe unrealistic promises.
- Only sign clear, easy-to-understand contracts.



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# February 2022 Board Briefs

- Kilowatt-hour sales for the month of December were 11.12% under budget and purchases were 2.16% under budget. The monthly TIER for December was -.84.
- 2021 Financial Review: Revenue was \$1.28 million above budget, Purchase Power was \$1.62M over budget and Operating Expenses were \$1.42M under budget. End of the year TIER was 5.94, an improvement from 2.59 in 2020.
- Sitting Rowan County Director Roger Trent is not seeking re-election. Trent has served on the cooperative's board of directors for the past 28 years. Danny Mabry was nominated to serve for Rowan County by the appointed Nominating Committee.
- Grayson RECC employees have worked 476,636.5 hours without a lost-time accident.
- Fifty-six (56) new memberships were approved and sixty-seven (67) memberships were retired.

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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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## Help agencies

### CARTER COUNTY

Northeast Kentucky Area Development Council

Grayson..... 474-8118  
Olive Hill ..... 286-5344

### ELLIOTT COUNTY

Northeast Kentucky Area Development Council ..... 738-6577  
Christian Social Services ..... 738-4095  
CAREs..... 324-2949  
Salvation Army ..... 329-2874

### GREENUP COUNTY

Northeast Kentucky Area Development Council ..... 834-8346  
Helping Hands ..... 473-6916

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

Northeast Kentucky Area Development Council ..... 638-4067

### LEWIS COUNTY

Licking Valley Community Action ..... 796-3893

### ROWAN COUNTY

Gateway Community Action ..... 743-3133  
Christian Social Services ..... 784-5329

### ALL COUNTIES

People Helping People ..... 928-4646