

DISCOVERING SOUTH KENTUCKY

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Back to school

An electric co-op quiz

It's back-to-school time across Kentucky. For our youngest students, the first weeks of August might be a flurry of buying supplies, filling backpacks and looking forward to the year ahead. Others might be heading off to college, beginning a new certification program or working on an advanced degree. Some of us haven't been in school for quite some time—but the back-to-school rush is still an invitation to celebrate lifelong learning.

In that spirit, we want to offer you an electric cooperative quiz. There are no grades and no homework—just a quick refresher on what sets electric cooperatives apart.

Q: What is an electric cooperative?

A: Electric cooperatives are utilities that are built by and belong to the members they serve. They are also not-for-profit, which means they don't send money to outside shareholders. Like all co-ops, South Kentucky RECC exists to provide safe, reliable energy at the cost of service and to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Q: How are electric cooperatives different from other utilities?

A: Electric co-ops are guided by seven cooperative principles, including “Democratic Member Control” and



“Concern for Community.” We are governed by the members we serve, which means decisions are made locally, by people who live and work in the communities we power.

Q: Who does my cooperative serve?

A: South Kentucky RECC serves more than 70,000 members in 11 counties in Kentucky and two in Tennessee. Unlike investor-owned utilities, which maximize profits for shareholders, our purpose is to serve our local communities. We were built by our members, and we're proud to work for you.

Q: Who owns my cooperative?

A: You do! You're not just a customer

of South Kentucky RECC—you're a part-owner as well. As a member, you can vote in elections to choose the board members who guide co-op decisions. You can also stay informed about co-op business as we communicate regularly through our website, social media and *Kentucky Living*.

Learning doesn't stop when we leave the classroom. This back-to-school season, we encourage you to stay curious and to be engaged. The more you know about South Kentucky RECC and the work we do, the better equipped you are to participate, ask questions and shape the future of the communities we serve.

SKRECC annual membership days

SKRECC's 2025 Membership Days event was truly one for the books! We saw a fantastic turnout at all of our district offices, including the Somerset Mall, where we relocated our final day this year due to tornado damage at our headquarters. Despite the change in venue, members

showed up in full force, proving once again how strong and supportive our co-op community is. Thank you to everyone who joined us, participated, and helped make this year's membership days such a meaningful and memorable event.

Door prize winners

Grand prize winner:

- 2003 Trailblazer—Johnny Norris

Somerset winners:

- 65" TV—Stephen Abbott
- Weed eater combo—Clifford Cantrell
- Ninja cooker—Mary Todd

Whitley City winners:

- 65" TV—Janice Sandlin
- Weed eater combo—Timothy Morgan
- Ninja cooker—Michael Koger

Russell winners:

- 65" TV—Hansel Bell
- Weed eater combo—Yazmin Chavez
- Ninja cooker—Deloris Miller

Albany winners:

- 65" TV—Gay Davis
- Weed eater combo—Max Smith
- Ninja cooker—Jackie Sterns

Monticello winners:

- 65" TV—Misty Atkinson
- Weed eater combo—Casey Walden
- Ninja cooker—Teresa Brammer

Online winners:

- 65" TV—Kayla Asberry
- Weed eater combo—Belinda Waters
- Ninja cooker—Anne Montgomery

Congratulations to Cathy Crew Epperson on her re-election by our members to serve District 1.



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To report an outage 24/7/365, please call your local office, (800) 264-5112, or set up your account to be able to text outages. Please do not report outages via social media.

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Don't shoot the lines

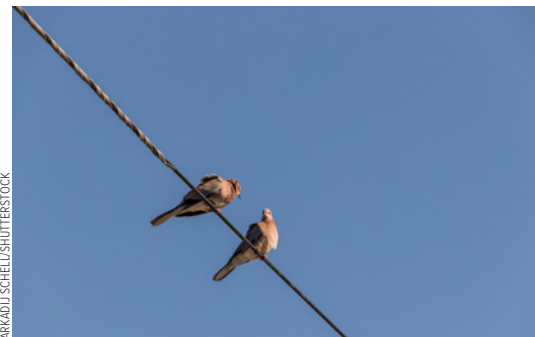
Dove season is just around the corner. For many hunters, it's akin to a cherished holiday in the late summer with friends and family gathering in dove fields across the bluegrass.

In many rural areas, power lines may stretch across dove fields and are always a popular resting site for the fast-moving birds.

Hunters are reminded to stop and think before taking aim at a bird perched on a power line. While it might seem harmless, shooting at electrical equipment can pose significant risk to South Kentucky RECC's essential infrastructure.

Power lines and electrical equipment are the foundation of a grid that delivers the comforts and conveniences of reliable electricity to the co-op's members. A gunshot aimed for a dove perched on a power line can strike energized equipment, resulting in costly repairs, service interruptions, fire and even personal injury.

Shooting a power line can also have legal consequences. Kentucky law has several provisions that prohibit hunters from damaging the property of another.



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Whether intentional or accidental, those who cause damage to South Kentucky RECC's equipment could be fined and/or held liable for the cost of repairs.

For safety and to avoid penalties, dove hunters should follow these rules:

- Do not shoot at or near overhead power lines, power poles or substations.
- Familiarize yourself with the location of power lines and equipment on land where you shoot/hunt.
- Keep a safe distance from power lines when hunting.
- Do not shoot at, or near, birds perching on utility lines with any type of firearm.
- Do not place decoys or any other hunting/shooting equipment on power lines or other utility equipment.

COMMON REASONS

for power outages

Power outages are never convenient for anyone, but they do occur.

HERE ARE SOME COMMON REASONS:

- **Weather:** Ice, snow, wind, and lightning can damage poles, lines, and other equipment, leading to widespread outages.
- **Trees:** Storms can cause limbs or whole trees to fall onto lines, disrupting power.
- **Accidents:** Car crashes involving utility poles can break lines and cut power.
- **Animals:** Birds and small animals climbing on equipment can cause shorts or equipment failure.
- **Planned outages:** Power may be temporarily shut off for scheduled maintenance or system upgrades, with advance notice when possible.

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