



MESSAGE
FROM
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Celebrate America's Big Birthday and Co-op Principles

THIS YEAR IS a landmark birthday for our nation—250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. As I reflect on why I'm proud to be an American, I'm reminded of why I'm also grateful to be a member of an electric cooperative. The U.S. and the electric co-ops that serve it have similarities in the principles we're governed by.

One membership, one vote. This simple edict describes a fundamental element of the way cooperatives operate and is one of the Seven Cooperative Principles—Democratic Member Control.

Our country's founding principles resound within your electric co-op's structure and election process. Each year, as part of Taylor Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, members get to vote on director candidates—your co-op decision-makers. We put the decision of who should serve on our board in your hands.

Representative democracy is crucial to the co-op way, which is deeply rooted in goodwill and equality and maintains an overarching vision that benefits us all. That's the cooperative difference.

Autonomy and Independence is another cooperative principle we hold dear at Taylor EC. We maintain our autonomy by only entering into agreements with organizations and raising capital under terms that ensure we carry out the vision and meet the needs of our members.

We honor the trust of our members through judicious use of funds and know that integrity rivals electricity as our most precious resource. Without the confidence of our membership, we cease to operate effectively.

Finally, as July 4 nears, consider the principle of Voluntary and Open Membership. Taylor EC is open to all, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination. Perhaps there is no higher or more patriotic tenet to uphold. In times of strife or discord, I look to these unifying principles for comfort and inspiration and as a reminder of all that unites us. Side by side with our members and neighbors, this Independence Day Taylor Electric honors our history and the spirit of cooperation that conceived this great nation.





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Plan for a Safe and Happy Fourth of July

THE MONTH OF July is always a favorite. It's the middle of summer, the kids are out of school and, of course, we celebrate Independence Day. We celebrate our nation's independence with grilled burgers and hot dogs, homemade ice cream and other sweet treats, and fireworks. This is a time for fellowship with family and friends, but at Taylor Electric Cooperative, we also want to make sure our members focus on safety.

To ensure you have the best holiday possible, we would like to remind you about a few important safety tips from the American Red Cross. Nothing says "Fourth of July" like a spectacular fireworks display. The safest way to enjoy this part of the celebration is to head to a local fireworks show. But, if you want to put on your own show at home, be sure to follow these safety tips.

- ▶ Always follow the instructions on fireworks' packaging and never give fireworks to small children.
- ▶ Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
- ▶ Make sure to wear protective eye-wear when lighting fireworks.
- ▶ Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight a dud.
- ▶ Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from all children and pets.
- ▶ Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.

- ▶ Be careful with sparklers, which can be hazardous to the person holding it and cause dry vegetation to catch fire from sparks.

Cookouts are a great way to bring folks together. Whether you're grilling in your backyard or at a community park, make sure your feast includes a generous portion of fun and a side helping of safety. We recommend the following safety tips.

- ▶ Always supervise your grill.
- ▶ Never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals have already been ignited.
- ▶ Keep children away from barbecues, smokers and other hot surfaces while cooking and as the cooker cools.
- ▶ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills. Fireworks and cookouts wouldn't be complete without a sunny day.

Here's hoping we have good weather, and if we do, make sure you're practicing sun safety.

- ▶ Use a broad-spectrum SPF sun-screen and reapply often.
- ▶ Be on the lookout for signs of heat stroke: hot red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing.

However you choose to celebrate, Taylor EC wishes you a safe and happy Fourth of July!

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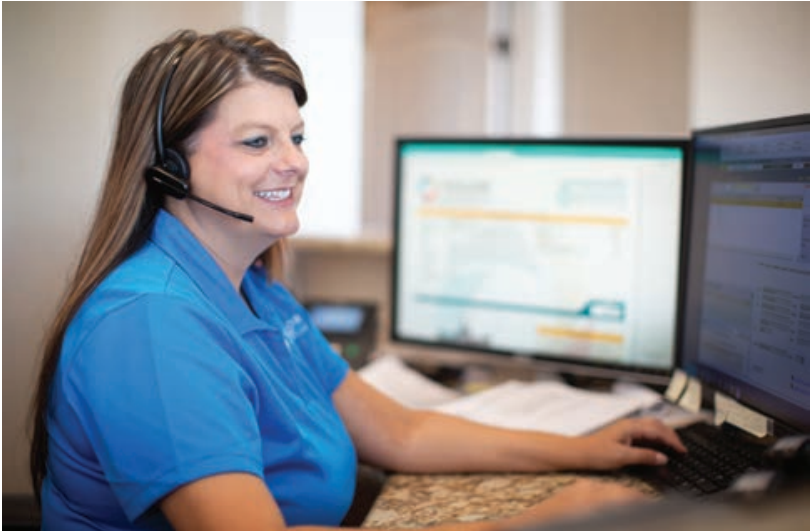


VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

THE FIRST COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE, "Voluntary and Open Membership," states that cooperatives are open to all people willing to use their services and accept the responsibilities of membership. National Rural Electric Cooperative Association member cooperatives, like Taylor Electric Cooperative, demonstrate this principle by providing reliable electric and ACCESS fiber internet services to the communities they serve while welcoming all eligible consumers within their service territory.

Taylor Electric Cooperative reflects this principle by putting its members first and ensuring every member has an equal opportunity to receive service and participate in the cooperative. Whether through access to electricity, fiber internet services with ACCESS Fiber, community programs, or member engagement opportunities, the cooperative works to serve the needs of all members fairly and without discrimination. By maintaining a strong commitment to inclusion, local service, and community involvement, Taylor Electric continues to uphold the cooperative values that have guided electric cooperatives for generations.

Whether providing electricity to rural homes decades ago or expanding fiber internet access today, Taylor Electric works to serve communities fairly and without discrimination. By welcoming all who can use its services and are willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, the cooperative continues to uphold the principle that every member has a place and a voice within the co-op.



We're Working for You

NO ONE KNOWS what's best for a community more clearly than the men and women who live and work there. Your friends and neighbors at Taylor Electric Cooperative have a strong history of working as your partners to bring jobs and opportunities to our area.

Your local co-op is in business to serve you. Our belief is simple: What's best for the member is best for us.

We're always looking for opportunities to improve the level of service we provide, and you telling us how we're doing and what you need is important.

Our history of working for the best interests of members makes co-ops distinct. No other utility can claim the remarkable record of member advocacy that we can. No other utility company can count as major partners the businesses and individuals to whom we sell energy, the community groups who share our goals to improve the local quality of life, or the associations and lobby groups that work alongside us in your interest.

No other utility can claim the high level of member satisfaction and loyalty that Taylor Electric can.

Area Youth Selected Represent Taylor Electric in D.C.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE was proud to sponsor five local students on the 2026 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. This once-in-a-lifetime leadership opportunity allows students to join peers from across the country to learn about government, public policy, and the cooperative difference while exploring our nation's capital.

Mille Modi and Kaiden Vanderpool of Wylie High School, Savannah Hill and Reagan Curry of Hawley High School, and Teeghan Myers of Merkel High School were selected to represent Taylor Electric following a rigorous interview process. These outstanding students demonstrated strong leadership potential, academic achievement, and a commitment to their communities, earning the opportunity to participate in this prestigious program.

During the week-long trip, participants visit historic landmarks, meet elected officials, and gain a deeper understanding of how electric cooperatives serve their communities. Taylor Electric is honored to invest in the next generation of leaders through this valuable educational experience.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

250th Independence Day

Saturday, July 4
Our offices will be closed
Friday, July 3, for the holiday.

National Pet Fire Safety Day

Wednesday, July 15

National Day of the Cowboy

Saturday, July 25

National Disability Independence Day

Sunday, July 26