



Gaining independence from England required great sacrifice from our forefathers who believed it was for the greater good in creating the United States of America.

We liken this to when electric cooperatives were formed. When little financial assistance was available to bring electricity to rural areas, it was an independent streak that inspired groups of farmers around America's countryside to band together, beating incredible odds to improve their quality of life.

So, when you're enjoying your hot dogs, parades and apple pie on July Fourth, think about the second reason to celebrate independence — cooperative independence.

Happy Independence Day from Clay Electric Co-operative!



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