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Featured above: Nolin RECC Communications Manager, Patsy Whitehead, 31 years of service

Comments from the President and CEO

Co-op Connections: Beyond the Card

At Nolin RECC, our employees live the cooperative difference every day and work tirelessly to keep your lights on. But as a co-op member, you receive more than just electricity from us. We make a difference in the communities we serve. Our employees are Sunday school teachers at local churches, coaches of Little League baseball teams and community volunteers.

We believe in going the extra mile for our members. You have the ability to request an energy audit to see what is causing your electric bill to be so high, your children have the opportunity to participate in the Washington Youth Tour, and you can benefit in receiving prescription and local deal discounts by using your Co-op Connections Card.

Nolin has participated in Co-op Connections through Touchstone Energy Cooperatives for 13 years and saved members more than \$20,000 in prescription drugs last year alone. This program allows you to get more out of your cooperative membership.

You can use your card at 60,000+ pharmacies nationwide to get discounts on prescription medicine. We have also set up money-saving discounts

at over 100 local businesses throughout Nolin's service area.

Technology is always advancing and we have seen many changes over the last 80 years of providing electricity. Today, we know our members are always plugged in to their cell phones and tablets. That's why Co-op Connections has grown beyond the card.

Take some time to check out the new and improved website at www.connections.coop/nolinrecc and download the Co-op Connections app to your smartphones. Simply search Co-op Connections in the Google Play or Apple App stores and download it for free. After you login,

you will receive a quick tutorial of how to use the app and see the new deals at your fingertips.

The revamped program allows you to review participating businesses through the mobile app, use coupons straight from your phone or computer and receive deals from businesses such as McDonald's, Dominos and Sherwin Williams. We now also have deals at theme parks, events, and movie theaters.

If you're like me and

forget to carry your card, you can simply use the upgraded Co-op Connections app. You may still use your plastic card at local businesses and pharmacies, but everything you need is on your mobile device.

Nolin is always coming up with ways to better serve its members. Offering Co-op Connections is just one of the many ways that we bring you the cooperative difference. Go beyond the card and find all the ways to save!

For more information regarding the program or to become a participating business visit www.nolinrecc.com or contact our office.



Mickey Miller
President & CEO

Renewable energy

Nolin RECC members who want to help the environment and future generations by powering their home or business with renewable energy may do so by purchasing solar energy through our power supplier, East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC). Kentucky's Touchstone



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Energy Cooperatives (including Nolin) and EKPC operate a 60-acre solar farm located off Interstate 64 just east of Lexington.

This installation is the largest sun-to-electricity community solar farm in Kentucky. The facility is equipped with 32,000 solar panels and is capable of producing enough electricity to satisfy the power needs of about 1,000 homes.

Cooperative Solar One, as it is called, provides Nolin members an easy, affordable way to benefit from sun power without the hassle, maintenance and expense of owning your own solar electricity

generation. The program is ideal for those who rent, have shaded property or don't want to put solar panels on their roof.

Co-op members pay a one-time fee of \$460 to license a single solar panel for 25 years. Each panel produces up to 50 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly. Energy output will vary due to the sun's angle, the time of year, the number of cloudy days in the month and other factors. Every month, the energy output of your licensed panel will be calculated and credited to your bill.

Panel licenses may be purchased online at www.cooperativesolar.com.

Check cords and conditions before using power tools

Summer is the perfect time to work on that growing do-it-yourself list: repair the fence, replace the deck or build a shed.

Whatever work is on your list, electric power tools make jobs much easier to complete.

But before beginning any job that requires power tools, think about the electricity that is required and the safety needed to avoid injuries or fatalities.

The primary hazard, of course, is electric shock. Power tool injuries account for over 400,000 emergency room visits each year with many of those related to electrical shock. It only takes one-tenth of an amp passing through the body for two seconds to cause heart failure, a burn or death.

That's why it is essential to inspect the electrical cord for fraying and prong integrity before any work begins.

If you have begun a job, a tingle in your fingers while using an electric



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power tool is a warning sign that should never be ignored. If that happens, stop immediately and find the cause.

To prevent shock, never work with an electric cord laying in damp or wet conditions.

Heavy-duty extension cords provide the safest electric power. When working outside, always use outdoor-rated cords.

Nolin hopes you will think about electrical safety when using power tools. Stay alert while working safely.

Students capitalize on once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

High school juniors are typically offered numerous opportunities throughout the school year from varsity sports to Governor's Scholar to the Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour. It's a busy time in the life of a 16- to 17-year-old teen, but the outcome can be well worth the time invested.

Five local upcoming high school seniors are quick to agree that the payoff for their effort in competing in the Nolin Washington Youth Tour was definitely worth the outcome. The five were selected from 10 participants to travel on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. on June 8-15.

A complimentary trip to Frankfort in late March was offered to all participants. Students and chaperons spent the day touring the



The 2018 Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour participants are, from left, Alexandra Shelton (LaRue County), Janece Harrington (Central Hardin), Garrett Bowman (John Hardin), Logan Rock (LaRue County), Lily Vowels (John Hardin/Gatton Academy) and Summer Mohamed (Central Hardin). Photo: Patsy Whitehead

Nolin continues to stress higher education and is dedicated to the growth and development of youth. We stay active in our communities and schools by sponsoring programs like the Washington Youth Tour, college scholarships, electrical safety classes, and business and economics seminars.

Capitol building, the Governor's Mansion, and the History Museum where lunch was provided. Throughout the day, students heard from various guest speakers including Secretary of Labor Derrick Ramsey.

Based on a personal interview, essay, and test, five students were awarded the Washington trip. Those students are

Garrett Bowman, Janece Harrington, Emma Ingalls, Summer Mohamed and Lily Vowels. Alternates are Erica McClain and Logan Rock.

Jackson Flanagan (Central Hardin), Emma Ingalls (Castle Hill Haven Academy), Erica McClain (John Hardin) and Grace Yates (Central Hardin) were unable to attend the Frankfort Youth Day activities.

HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR & HORSE SHOW

Nolin RECC Member Discount: Opening Night Only—Monday, July 9

UGLY LAMP CONTEST (sponsored by Nolin RECC)



\$1.00 Off Regular Admission Price of \$10.00

Opening Night Only • Limit one coupon per member • Additional fair coupons are available at the Nolin office



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Budget your electric bill all year

Let us help you manage your dollars so that your electric bill stays in line with your budget.

Nolin's Budget Billing is simple...the program allows members to pay an average dollar amount each month based on the previous 12 months' usage. In other words, members no longer receive higher bills in the winter and summer due to increased HVAC usage.

You don't have to visit the Nolin RECC office to sign up for budget billing—you can enroll over the telephone by calling (270) 765-6153, or visit www.nolinrecc.com and click on "Residential Bill Payment."

The Nolin RECC offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2018, in observance of Independence Day.

SmartHub Pay Now—Quick and easy way to pay

SmartHub Pay Now provides you with a fast and simple way to electronically pay your Nolin bill. SmartHub Pay Now can be accessed from the Nolin website at www.nolinrecc.com (you will find the link in the upper right corner on the homepage). Simply click on the link, enter your Nolin account number and last name (or business

name) and make your electronic payment. It's quick and easy!

Members can also access SmartHub Pay Now on their iPhone through the Nolin website. From the homepage, scroll down and click on the "Pay Now" tab.



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