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Featured above: Nolin RECC Operations & Engineering Admin. Assistant Tiffany Snodgrass, 18 years of service

News you can use

An annual celebration

The meaning behind your co-op annual meeting

Something amazing will happen across Kentucky this summer and you'll be a part of it.

From May and into July, folks will gather as communities of people who own their electric utility for their co-op annual meeting. Some of these get-togethers will be a lot like the meeting held by Nolin RECC. Others will be different.

But whether these meetings take place under a tent or in an auditorium, they all have a lot in common.

There are 24 electric co-ops like Nolin across the state. And they each have ways to meet with their members that make the most sense for their community.

They all hold a business session, which is the main reason for the meeting. Electric co-ops are businesses organized in a way in which the users own the utility. They are organized as not-for-profit, which still means they need sound finances, with income that covers expenses. The business session provides the basic information to those who use and own the co-op.

Being not-for-profit also means the co-op is not in business to produce a profit for shareholders, but only to produce the best combination of cost and service for the members. For electric co-ops, that means providing reliable and affordable electricity.

And one more thing electric co-ops have in common is they are local, and always will be. All of the members are also the owners of the co-op and they are all part of the community. It only makes sense that the business will be a strong and permanent part of our hometowns.

What all this adds up to is that this summer, there will be a series of celebrations across Kentucky. Come to your annual meeting for the business session mixed with fun, prizes, and FREE entertainment on Friday, June 26, at John Hardin High School.



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Spring opportunities

Improve energy efficiency and offset high winter bills

February 2015 was the coldest February ever recorded in Kentucky.

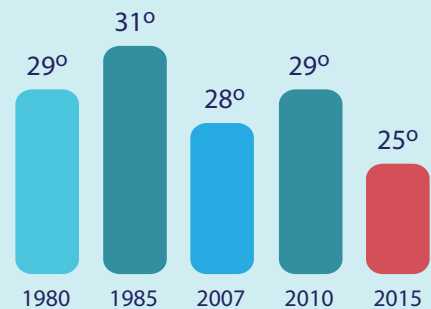
Average temperatures in February 2015 were 8 degrees lower than February 2014 or 23 percent colder than the brutal cold in the same month one year earlier. There were 22 hours during February in which temperatures fell below zero.

Unfortunately, bitter cold makes heating equipment run longer, causing much more electricity consumption and higher bills. The good news is that Nolin can help you better manage energy use in the future through these programs:

- **Button-Up.** By adding insulation and taking other steps, a Button-Up makes your home more comfortable, and we'll pay a rebate to qualified participants.
 - **Heat Pump Retrofit.** By replacing your existing resistance heat source with a high-efficiency heat pump you may qualify for a rebate.
 - **SimpleSaver.** It provides bill credits if you voluntarily join and helps us reduce peak electric demand. To sign up, call (800) 305-5493 or go to www.simplesaver.coop.
 - **Budget billing.** If you sign up, no matter what the weather is outside your bill won't be a surprise.
 - **Appliance Recycling Program.** Old refrigerators and freezers use far more energy than they're worth. Nolin will remove these power hogs for free and pay you \$50 each on up to two of them, per year.
 - **ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebates.** If you buy appliances with an ENERGY STAR label, you're probably eligible for rebates from Nolin. Visit our Web site to find out if your appliance qualifies.
 - **Online home energy evaluation.** Our *BillingInsights* provides a powerful link directly to your monthly billing information to instantly analyze where energy is being used in your home, and it suggests great ways to improve efficiency. All you need to do is go to our Web site at www.nolinrecc.com and click on *BillingInsights*.
- If you would like to learn more about Nolin's energy-efficiency programs, call our office at (270) 765-6153.

the cold hard facts

February 2015 averaged 25 degrees, the coldest February on record in Kentucky.



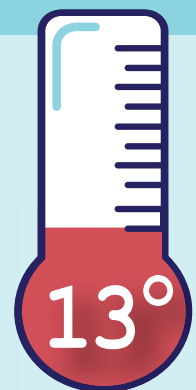
Top 5 Coldest Kentucky Februaries since 1980.

Reduce your energy usage by signing up for a Button-Up. Call our office to find out more.

the cold hard facts

Feb. 15-21, 2015 was the coldest week in the coldest February in Kentucky history.

The average temperature that week



Call our office to find out about our billing/payment options that can help you even out your monthly bills.

Know how to shut off your electricity

If you have a gas or plumbing leak, you might need to shut off your home's electricity as well as the gas and water.

You can turn the electricity off inside your circuit breaker panel or fuse box. You would usually do this only in an extreme emergency.

Before you're faced with an emergency, locate your box. It might be in a utility closet, garage, or the basement. It's a metal box full of switches or fuses.

If your box is full of switches, they control your home's electrical circuits. To turn your electricity off, turn all of the switches to the "off" position, and then switch off the main switch at the top.

Two cautions:

- If your floor is flooded or if the electrical panel is wet, do not touch the panel.
- If you see exposed wires inside the box, do not touch them. In both cases, call an electrician to handle this dangerous task.

Don't flip the main switch except during an emergency. If you're having a problem with electricity in a particular room or with one appliance, you can flip the switch that powers just that area. Often, you'll find that the individual switch is "off," and you can solve the problem by turning it back on.



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WE KEEP THEM UP HERE FOR A REASON.

STAY CLEAR OF DOWNED POWER LINES.

www.nolinrecc.com

Helping members use electricity safely,
that's the power of your co-op membership.



RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 
The power of human connections

2015 ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 26

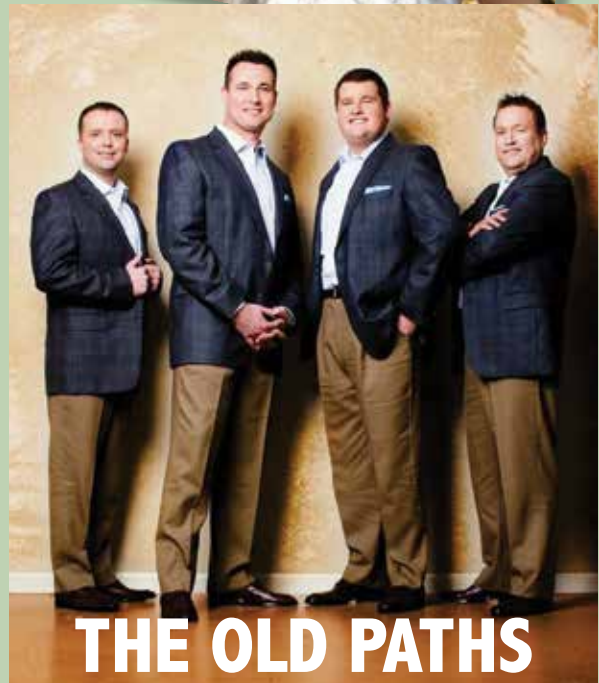
John Hardin High School
384 Jenkins Road, Elizabethtown
Registration Time:
5:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting Time:
7:00 p.m.



FREE
Energy-saving light
bulbs for attending
members!

- FREE Health Fair & Exhibits
- Grand Prize: \$500
- Cash Prizes
- Food & Ice Cream
- Games & Rides

FOR THE KIDS
Rachel's Face Painting



Attend *YOUR* Nolin RECC Annual Meeting

The Nolin RECC Annual Meeting will be at John Hardin High School on Friday, June 26. The fun starts at 5 PM with children's inflatables, a health fair, and exhibits. New this year, find Rachael's Face Painting in the main gym. The featured entertainment will be gospel group The Old Paths. Early in the evening, enjoy the country music of The Brian Young Band. And the annual meeting just wouldn't be the same without member registration gifts and plenty of door prizes.

Don't miss your opportunity to win the grand prize of \$500 cash, along with other cash prizes.

It's the Nolin RECC annual meeting...but the entire community is invited to join in on the fun!

- **Health fair and exhibits open at 5 PM**
- **Registration opens at 5:30 PM**
- **Business Meeting begins at 7 PM**



Don't forget your member registration card

Members who bring their registration cards to the annual meeting will not have to wait in a long line to register. A sample of your member registration card is printed directly to the right.

When you receive your ballots in the mail, tear off the bottom portion of your official annual meeting registration card, and bring both address cards with you to the annual meeting. **Do not separate the two address cards.** The cards will be scanned electronically and members will be automatically registered for the meeting and all prize drawings.

Don't forget to cast your vote for two directors. All ballots must be received at the Nolin office no later than **10 AM, June 26.**

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION CARD

TEAR OFF THE SECTION BELOW AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR YOUR FREE BUCKET, BULBS, AND TO REGISTER FOR DOOR PRIZES.

DO NOT SEPARATE THE TWO CARDS AT THE BOTTOM
BRING BOTH CARDS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.

NOLIN RECC ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015
JOHN HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL
W. A. Jenkins Road, Elizabethtown

REGISTRATION: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

See reverse side for director elections

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TEAR HERE

John Doe
123 Circle Rd.
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

DO NOT TEAR

John Doe
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SAMPLE

Registered Builders Attend ENERGY STAR Conference



Attending the ENERGY STAR conference are (left to right) Jason Phillips, Jerry Phillips, Rick Ryan, Charles Ferguson, Todd Drake, Charlie Harper, Clay Smith, Randy Weedman, Charles Corbett, Josh Brantingham, Bruce Beasley, and John Oliver. Pictured in front are Bobby and Patsy Whitehead. Ed Cecil also attended the conference.



Clay Smith, builder and owner of Smith Family Homes, holds his award for lowest Home Energy Rating Score (HERS) in the Nolin RECC service territory. The award-winning home uses a dual fuel heat pump, features spray foam insulation, and was constructed with advanced building practices. Nolin's Energy Services coordinator Todd Drake (left) joins Smith as he receives his award for a HERS rating of 40.

Eleven local registered home builders attended the Midwest Regional ENERGY STAR Conference March 10 and 11 as guests of Nolin RECC. Altogether over 350 building professionals and business leaders attended the conference at the Lexington Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Lexington.

Leading energy-efficiency authorities led seminars on issues and updates affecting new home construction and remodeling. The conference offered sessions on heat flow and control,

moisture control, comfort issues, and home performance with ENERGY STAR. Builders, HVAC contractors, and others were able to earn continuing education credits by attending the sessions.

The ENERGY STAR Conference was sponsored by Nolin RECC and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, along with the Home Builder's Association of Lexington and others. In addition, the Lincoln Trail Home Builder's Association was a sponsor at the conference.

Nolin files tariff for expanded renewable energy program

Pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's ("Commission") regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation gives notice that tariffs will be submitted to the Commission on May 11, 2015, requesting approval to implement changes to the EnviroWatts Renewable Energy program. If Nolin RECC's request is approved, the tariffs will be effective June 10, 2015, at which time qualified residential end-use members of Nolin RECC will be able to purchase a variety of renewable energy, subject to detailed eligibility requirements.

A person may examine the tariff filings at the Nolin RECC office located at 411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701. A person may also examine the tariff filings at the Commission's office located at 211 Sower Blvd., Frank-

fort, Ky., Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the tariff filings may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>, or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Ky. 40602.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention in the tariff filings to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Ky. 40602, establishing the grounds for the request and including the status and interest of the person requesting intervention. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filings.

Co-op Connections® Program

Get Connected Co-op Connections – Exclusive Membership

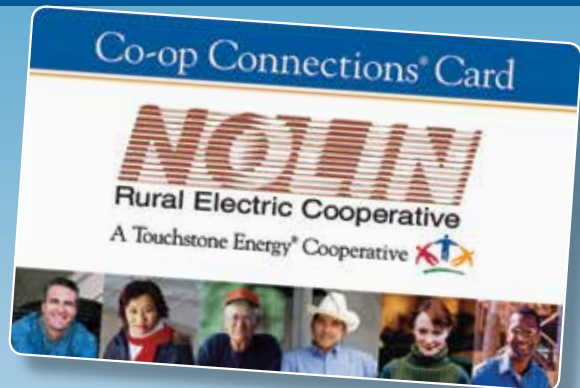
The Co-op Connections Card continues to be one of the most popular cards in your wallet. And when you pull this card out and use it, you don't pay any service or interest fees. In fact, members save money by using the Co-op Connections Card, which is a benefit provided exclusively to cooperative members.

Last year, the Co-op Connections Card saved Nolin members over \$75,000 on prescription medicine. Since January 2014, members using the card have saved an average of 46% on prescriptions.

Two years ago we introduced the Healthy Savings program which offers members discounts on eye care, dental care, chiropractic visits, lab tests, imaging scans and hearing aids in addition to the prescription discounts.

The card also offers discounts at many local, state, and national businesses and restaurants. The number of businesses participating in the Co-op Connections Card discounts increases daily.

For a complete list of pharmacy providers call (800) 800-7616 or log onto www.locateproviders.com and use the Group and Member numbers from the back of your card to search for providers. You can also obtain a list at www.nolinrecc.com or by calling our office at (270) 765-6153.



Here is a list of our latest newcomers:

Elizabethtown area:

Auto Glass Plus
Brenco Document Shredding
Running Soles LLC

Glendale area:

E-town Amish Furniture

Radcliff area:

Coldwell Banker Success Realty
Metro Auto Spa and Lube Center

Vine Grove area:

2 Sisters Tea Room & Gift Shop

Nearly 200 local businesses honor the Co-op Connections Card. The program, which is offered through Touchstone Energy, is exclusive to rural electric cooperative members.

All Nolin RECC members should have the Co-op Connections Card.

New members receive the Co-op Connections Card when they sign up for service. Visit www.nolinrecc.com for a complete listing of local and national offers.

Can't find your Co-op Connections Card? Call the Nolin RECC office at (270) 765-6153 ext. 3341.



Prescription



Lab & Imaging



Dental



Vision



Hearing



Chiropractic

**We've Got Your
\$25 Number! \$25**
WIN \$25 Worth of FREE Electricity

Nolin News features a contest called "We've Got Your Number." Hidden inside this issue are two randomly selected member account numbers. If you spot your account number, contact the Member Services Department at 765-6153, and **win a \$25 CREDIT on your electric bill.** You must identify your number and call by the 15th day of the month's issue containing your number. Account numbers could be anywhere in your *Nolin News!*

New Member Credits

All members signing up for new service with Nolin receive a short survey. Members who return the completed survey to Nolin are automatically eligible to win a \$30 credit on their electric bill. Each month, one name is drawn and a lucky Nolin member receives a bill credit on their next statement. Congratulations to our latest winner, **Casi Jesse, of Elizabethtown.**

Online payments

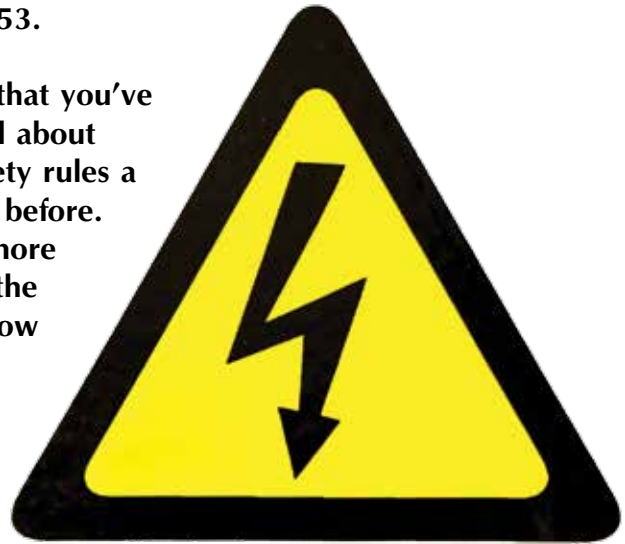
Access your Nolin RECC account through our Web site at **www.nolinrecc.com**. Click on "YourAccount" to check your consumption history and make payments by debit card, Visa, or MasterCard. To apply for budget billing and automatic draft online, click on "Residential Bill Payment."

Follow Electrical Safety Rules

During National Electrical Safety Month, take a few moments to think about ways to prevent electricity-related fires, injuries, and fatalities.

Nolin provides online safety tools for both adults and children at www.nolinrecc.com. Our online Safety Station and Kids Korner pages offer fun and games to teach children practical lessons about avoiding electrical hazards. We also offer free safety education programs for groups of all ages. If you'd like to schedule a presentation, call us at (270) 765-6153.

It may seem that you've read or heard about electrical safety rules a million times before. Still, don't ignore them. Know the rules and follow the rules!



The Nolin RECC offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day.

HOW TO REACH NOLIN RECC

ELIZABETHTOWN OFFICE

411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-6767
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri • (270) 765-6153

RADCLIFF OFFICE

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8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri • (270) 351-2199
(Office closed from 12:30-1:30 daily)

TOLL-FREE BUSINESS CALLS — 1-888-637-4247

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