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News you can use

New Year Brings 75 Reasons to Celebrate

You will notice something different at the top of this page. If you missed it, look again! Your *Nolin News* is sporting a new logo and it signifies our 75th anniversary!

Nolin's charter was granted July 20, 1938, and after a great deal of leg work and determination from several folks in the community, the first line was energized on July 1, 1939. In recognition of our 75th anniversary and all those who have worked to make your cooperative a successful not-for-profit business, we will periodically spotlight individuals and events from the past 75 years. If you would like to be included in these features, we welcome you to contact the Nolin office to let us know. After all, our members are the most important part of Nolin RECC and we sincerely want to hear from you – we want to hear your co-op stories!

One way we plan to signify our 75th anniversary is by increasing the reward each month on the member hidden account numbers randomly selected and placed in the *Nolin News*. Since we are celebrating 75 years, Nolin will award \$75 instead of the traditional \$25, to each member who identifies their account number. Remember, two numbers will be printed monthly and you must call us to claim your reward by the 15th of the month containing your Nolin account number.

We're excited about the successful 75 years Nolin and its members have enjoyed and we look to the future with great optimism. Our goal in 2013 and beyond is to continue to exceed your expectations. Nolin has one of the best reputations of any electric cooperative in the nation. We're not as big as some of the other member-owned electric co-ops, but we are just as strong and united!

As I think back on the past year, several examples come to mind where I like to think we at least strived to exceed your expectations.

The most prominent example of exceeding expectations comes with storm responses. From weather that affected us in the state, to tragedies affecting others around the country, the people of the electric co-ops pulled together to help each other get the lights back on, and recover in other ways. I'd like to give a special thank you to the line technicians, and the office workers who backed them up, all of them working tirelessly for our community.

Another example can be found in the efforts to help you make the most economical and productive use of your electricity. Nolin offers a wide range of programs to help you use your energy as efficiently as possible. Regular useful advice can also be found in the pages of this magazine.

And if you read further, you will see where 20 Nolin members received \$100 electric bill credits just by entering our Get Green contest in honor of National Co-op Month (October). In addition, one of those winning members will receive home energy upgrades costing up to \$2,000.

Keeping you, and co-op employees, safe from the dangers of electricity marks another area of working to exceed expectations. Nolin stays on top of the technology and management techniques, to follow the safest practices possible. But much of what is needed is to spread the message of awareness. From advertising, to traveling to local schools with presentations on how to be safe around electricity, safety stays a top Nolin priority.

In an age of tighter budgets and rising prices, we realize the importance of trying to serve you even better than you expected, this year, and in years to come. Our commitment to you is to be better than ever in the next 75 years!

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Energy Efficiency Lessons

Nolin offers FREE Do-It-Yourself Classes on Energy Savings



Littrell. Together, these two energy experts have more than 22 years of experience in working with energy management technologies and innovations.

Drake and Littrell will teach you how to reduce energy consumption and increase your home's energy efficiency. The two will take you from simple techniques in improving existing home energy efficiency to ENERGY STAR and Touchstone Energy new home construction requirements.

No reservations needed for any of the one-hour sessions. Energy efficiency in new home construction will be presented at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Lessons on improving energy efficiency in existing homes will be held at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

• Which HVAC system is best for your home

The classes are compliments of Nolin RECC to all those paid attendees at the LTHB 2013 Home Design & Remodeling Show on February 16.

Day two of the Home Design & Remodeling Show (February 17) is reserved for special presentations from the Lincoln Trail Home Builder's Association. Registered builders and contractors will hold sessions related to remodeling existing homes and new home construction.

If you plan to visit the Lincoln Trail Home Builder's (LTHB) Home Design & Remodeling Show (formerly known as the Home EXPO and Garden Show) February 16 at the Pritchard Community Center, you will be treated with a free lesson on energy efficiency.

Throughout the day, four sessions will be offered by Nolin's Energy Services Coordinator Todd Drake and East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Energy Advisor Josh

Here's what you can learn:

- **New home energy-efficiency requirements for Touchstone Energy Homes and ENERGY STAR Homes**
- **Ways to achieve energy efficiency at low cost or no cost**
- **Insulation guidelines for new and existing homes**
- **Simple do-it-yourself techniques on caulking and air-sealing**



An affordable resolution

Nolin has every reason in the world to help you keep your electric bills low. As a not-for-profit business with its customers as the owners, we have a financial incentive to give you the most affordable deal on electricity, while keeping a high level of quality service.

To help you craft an energy-efficiency resolution, put weatherstripping at the top of any list of affordable electricity resolutions:

Weatherstripping offers a relatively quick fix for drafty doors—and air leakage is a primary culprit for most home energy losses.

A fast way to check for a leak around a door is to look between the door and its frame or the floor. If you see even a sliver of daylight, add weatherstripping.

Here are a few weatherstripping basics:

Read the instructions on the package; apply only to clean, dry surfaces above 20 degrees Fahrenheit; measure twice before cutting anything; apply weatherstripping in one continuous strip; apply snugly against both surfaces; material should compress when the window or door is shut.



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LEARNING FROM APES

High School Juniors Study American Private Enterprise System



Last November, 45 local students participated in a two-day education seminar that allowed them to learn about corporations, cooperatives, individually owned businesses, legalities of business, and diversity. These elite students consistently scored high on quizzes and a 50-question final exam. At the end of the program, six of the teens were awarded a trip to the State Youth Seminar in Lexington this June.

APES, which stands for American Private Enterprise System, offers eight students from each Hardin County High School (E-town High, Fort Knox, North, Central, and John Hardin), as well as two students from the home school sector and North Hardin Christian School, the opportunity to come together at an off-site location to learn about business and the free enterprise system. The program has

been around more than 40 years, and has gained a reputation among students as being one of the top five things to put on a resumé.

Nolin RECC has been a sponsor of the Hardin County, as well as LaRue County, APES program since it began. In fact, electric cooperatives throughout Kentucky are helping to sponsor APES programs in about 35 different counties.

The APES program helps to build self-confidence and leadership skills. The teens are encouraged to network with students from other schools as they work together in groups.

One popular exercise is the board case studies. This session allows participants to examine real-life issues that may arise in a business. Students are divided into board groups (each representing a director of the board) and are given situations to

APES Winners: *These students achieved the highest test scores throughout the seminar and will travel to Lexington to earn a chance to compete for cash awards and college scholarships, and a trip to the National Institute on Cooperative Education at Virginia Tech. They are (left to right) Anna Cecile Pepper (E-town High), Robert Bell (Fort Knox), Brooke Moody (North Hardin), Anna Huffman (Central Hardin), Bradley Larimore (Central Hardin), and Kitty Timbers (Central Hardin).*

study and resolve. The teams must follow a set of business decision steps in hopes of achieving the best possible result. Students conclude this exercise by presenting board resolutions to their peers and then must face opposing boards as they explain and support their decisions during the debate session.



APES Says Thanks to Community Sponsors

Clark Jewelers has been providing watches for more than 40 years to the outstanding young female and male at the conference. That adds up to a lot of watches throughout the years! The Clark family is greatly appreciated for their support and generosity to the APES program. As the highest scoring APES participants, Anna Cecile Pepper and Robert Bell received the complimentary watches from Clark Jewelers.

This youth program, which is reserved for high school juniors, depends largely upon outstanding speakers who volunteer their time. This year's speakers included John J. Scott (attorney), Wes Mudd (First Federal Savings Bank), Tim Goblirsch (Fort Knox Staff Judge Advocate), Neil Atcher (State Farm Insurance agent), Michael Coyle (Elizabethtown Community & Technical College), Jenny Oldham (Hardin County attorney), and Patsy Whitehead (Nolin RECC).

Without the support of the local community, APES would not be possible. The program is totally supported by businesses in Hardin County, including Nolin RECC, Clark Jewelers, Coca-Cola of Elizabethtown, Zaxby's, Magnolia Bank, First Federal Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank, Preferred Memorials, Faith Home School Group, DeVeau Appraisal Service, Lincoln Trail Homebuilder's Association, and the Cooperative Extension 4-H Council.



At the conclusion of the seminar, Will Ostlund of Fort Knox High School was awarded the APES mascot, Nala, by his peers. As noted by her yellow tutu, Nala is female! Will says he was glad Nala's clothes had to stay behind!



Mia Wiersema (Central Hardin) was voted by her peers to receive the "People's Choice Award" signifying outstanding leadership skills. Conference Youth Leader Jacob Aydelott (John Hardin) presents Mia with her award.



Conference Youth Leader Beth Adams (Faith Home School) presents the "Co-op Spirit Award," which signifies humanitarian characteristics and personal concern for others to Matthew Nelson (John Hardin).

GET GREEN WINNERS

Co-op Month Contest generates nearly 1,500 entries

After allowing Nolin RECC members three months to register for one of 20 \$100 electric bill credits, we have our winners!

Last September, Nolin announced the “Get Green” contest as our way of celebrating National Co-op Month. Although the event is celebrated during October, we wanted to give members plenty of time to enter the contest, so registration was open from September through November 30. Entry forms appeared in the *Nolin News*, Nolin’s bill insert, and were accessible through the Nolin RECC Web site at www.nolinrecc.com. The contest was open to ALL Nolin members!

A total of 1,495 Nolin members were registered when the 20 winners were randomly selected through an electronic numbering system. One of the lucky 20 will receive home energy upgrades costing up to \$2,000. We’ll keep you posted on which one qualifies for the energy-efficiency improvements.

Congratulations to Nolin’s Get Green Winners: \$100 Electric bill credit

Albert Allen of Sonora
John Anderson of Radcliff
Ross Corbett of Elizabethtown
Sharon Farris of Radcliff
Mark Haas of Elizabethtown
Phillip Haycraft of Clarkson
Linda Lewis of Elizabethtown
Ronnie Long of Elizabethtown
Leslie Pack of Hodgenville
Marshal Riggs of Upton

Susannah Sherman of Sonora
Gary Smith of Upton
Gloria Stahl of Cecilia
Roy Stephens of Sonora
Carol Vandegriff of Radcliff
Wendi Walden of Radcliff
Danny Walker of Vine Grove
Laura Whelan of Rineyville
Ebbie Yenshaw of Elizabethtown
Arline Zamecnik of Elizabethtown

Each member received a \$100 credit on their December 2012 Nolin RECC electric bill! Watch your Nolin News to find out which of these winners will be awarded the home energy upgrades!

A personal message from one of Nolin’s Get Green winners...

“I am honored to be one of the 20 Nolin RECC members to win a \$100 electric bill credit through the ‘Get Green’ contest. The credit could not come at a better time of the year, as we face the beginning of winter months and also the holiday season. We are fortunate to have a utility company such as Nolin that provides excellent service and gives back to their members.” –John Anderson of Radcliff



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Kerby Grey Receives Kentucky Young Farmer Association Member of the Year



Cecilia farmer and recipient of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association's Member of the Year, Kerby Grey, is presented a print entitled "Our Power is Our People" from Nolin RECC Vice President of Marketing & Member Services Rick Ryan, at the Nolin RECC office.

Power lines are KILLERS

Winter weather and car accidents account for the majority of downed power lines, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

Always assume that any downed line you see is an energized power line and report it immediately to the police, fire department, and Nolin RECC.

If you discover a low or downed line, make sure you do the following:

- Move away from the line and anything touching it.
- If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the line, do not touch the person. You could become the next victim. Call 911 instead.
- Do not attempt to move a line or anything in contact with it by using an object such as a broom or stick. Even nonconductive materials like wood can conduct electricity if slightly wet.
- Be careful not to put your feet near water where a downed power line is located.
- If you are in a vehicle that has contact with a line, stay inside. Use your cell phone to call for help. Honk your horn to keep others away.
- Do not drive over downed power lines.

Operating large farm equipment near overhead lines poses another hazard. Everyone working on a farm should be aware of power lines and keep farm equipment away from the lines. Take special note of larger, modern equipment such as tractors with high antennas.

Nearly one year ago, Cecilia farmer Kerby Grey received word he had been selected as the Kentucky Young Farmer Member of the Year. He was presented the distinction by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and other sponsors at the Kentucky Young Farmer Association's State Convention in Lexington in February of last year.

The award is based on the individual's overall farming enterprise, including financial, record keeping, and innovative advances.

Grey was surprised to hear about his advancement to the semi-finals. "When I received word last February about making the semi-finals, I was really happy and thought even if I didn't advance to the finals, it was still an honor," says Grey. "I was really surprised to learn I had been named Young Farmer Association's Member of the Year."

Grey farms full-time on his 2,200 acre grain farm in Cecilia raising corn, soybeans, and wheat. The farm is the same one he and his three siblings grew up on with parents Clayton and Geraldine Grey.

"When I was a boy, I would help my dad on the farm and after graduating in 1990 from West Hardin High School, I went to work full-time as a farmer," says Grey. Today, the elder Grey helps out on the farm from time to time when needed. And of course, Kerby says he always seeks advice from his dad on important farming matters.

We've Got Your \$75 Number! \$75

WIN \$75 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 \$75 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 \$20 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, **Chris Hampton, 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."

College Scholarships through Nolin

Nolin RECC awards six college scholarships of \$1,000 each to graduating seniors and another to an adult going back to school after spending time in the work force or after raising a family.

Why not take advantage of this opportunity your cooperative offers to its members by completing an application and returning it to the Nolin RECC office by March 31. Visit our Web site at **www.nolinrecc.com** or call (270) 765-6153 for an application.



Katie Barros is a 2012 graduate of LaRue County High School. She is currently taking advantage of her \$1,000 Nolin RECC scholarship by attending Ozark Bible Institute & College in Missouri.

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