

NOLIN News



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Featured above: : Nolin RECC GPS/GIS Administrator Judy Gray,
17 years of service

News you can use

You get the credit

Capital Credit Checks Coming this Month

Electric cooperatives aren't like other utilities—you, as a consumer and a member, own a portion of the business. And one benefit of that membership involves the allocation of excess revenue, called margins, in the form of capital credits.

Electric co-ops operate at cost — collecting enough revenue to run and expand the business but with no need to raise rates to generate profits for distant shareholders. Since cooperatives are not-for-profit, we return excess margins to our members after paying bills, operating costs, and reinvesting what we need into the cooperative to keep your electric bills as low as possible.

Capital credit funds represent your stake of ownership in Nolin RECC. Yearly allocations are calculated based on the amount of electricity members consume during the year. Members are advised of their previous year's capital credit allotments on the June bill statements. Although we may not be able to pay these funds every year, they are still allocated to be paid at some time in the future when the financial condition of the cooperative allows.

In late January, Nolin is mailing a record amount of capital credit funds to members – more than \$5 million!

Who Will Receive the Funds?

Members on service during 1988, 1989, and 2012 receive 100 percent of their capital credit funds.

Members on service during 1987 have already been paid a portion of their capital credits, but the remainder of funds for that year (46 percent) will be paid now! This will complete the payments for the entire year of 1987.

Normally, we would not skip years when refunding capital credit dollars. However, Nolin wanted to show appreciation

to our newer members as well as those who have been on service for several years, so it was decided to include refunds to members on service in 2012.

This record-breaking return of capital credits will benefit about 32,740 Nolin RECC members who were on service during this time. Capital credit payments smaller than \$25 will be shown as a credit on your bill.

Allocating and retiring excess revenue to members helps distinguish cooperatives. We're proud to support our communities by putting money back into the local economy—and into the pockets of those we serve. Capital credits are just one of the benefits of your membership in Nolin RECC.

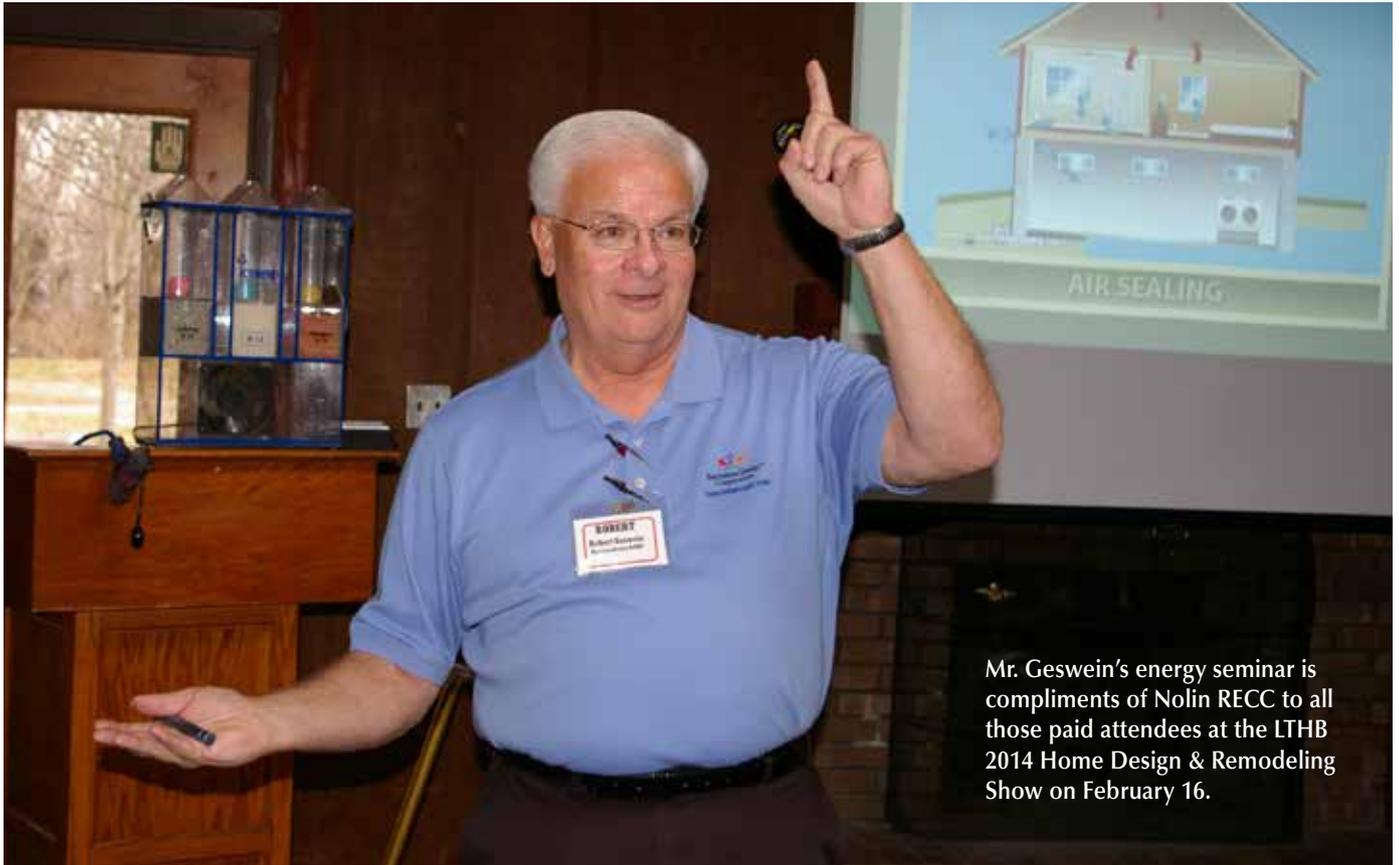


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Energy Efficiency Lessons

Energy Expert Bob Geswein featured at Home Design & Remodeling Show



Mr. Geswein's energy seminar is compliments of Nolin RECC to all those paid attendees at the LTHB 2014 Home Design & Remodeling Show on February 16.

Nolin invites you to attend the Lincoln Trail Home Builder's (LTHB) Home Design & Remodeling Show (formerly known as the Home EXPO and Garden Show) February 16 at Pritchard Community Center to learn how you can reduce energy consumption and increase your home's energy efficiency. You will hear from energy expert Bob Geswein, Harrison REMC in Corydon, Indiana. He is a graduate of Purdue University and instructor of building science seminars for Harrison REMC. He has earned the reputation of energy expert from his peers. Cooperative energy advisors, builders, and contractors have been attending his workshops for more than 16 years.

You can learn from this energy expert at NO cost with your paid admission to the event. The session is scheduled from 1 PM – 3 PM on Sunday only (February 16).

Geswein incorporates simple home improvement

techniques into his presentation that will allow you to do-it-yourself on many needed home energy improvements.

- Learn how to once and for all stop uncontrolled air leaks
- Not all insulation is created equal – find out the differences in performance levels
- Learn the importance of home ventilation
- Water heating is not what it used to be – learn about the types and efficiency levels of water heating systems
- Hear shocking facts about fireplaces, recessed lighting, skylights, hot water circulating pumps, and setback thermostats

You can't afford to miss this FREE seminar at Pritchard Community Center on Sunday, February 16. At the conclusion of the session, Geswein, along with local registered builders and contractors, will be available to answer your questions.

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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Going APES

High School Juniors Study American Private Enterprise System

Last November, 43 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; and 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 students from each Hardin County high school (E-town High, Fort Knox, North, Central, and John Hardin), as well as 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 résumé.

Nolin RECC has been a sponsor of the Hardin County, as well as LaRue County, APES program since they began. In fact, electric cooperatives throughout Kentucky are helping to



Forty-three Hardin County high school juniors recently participated in the American Private Enterprise System seminar held at Nolin RECC.

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 study and resolve. The teams must follow a set of business decision steps in hopes to achieve 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.

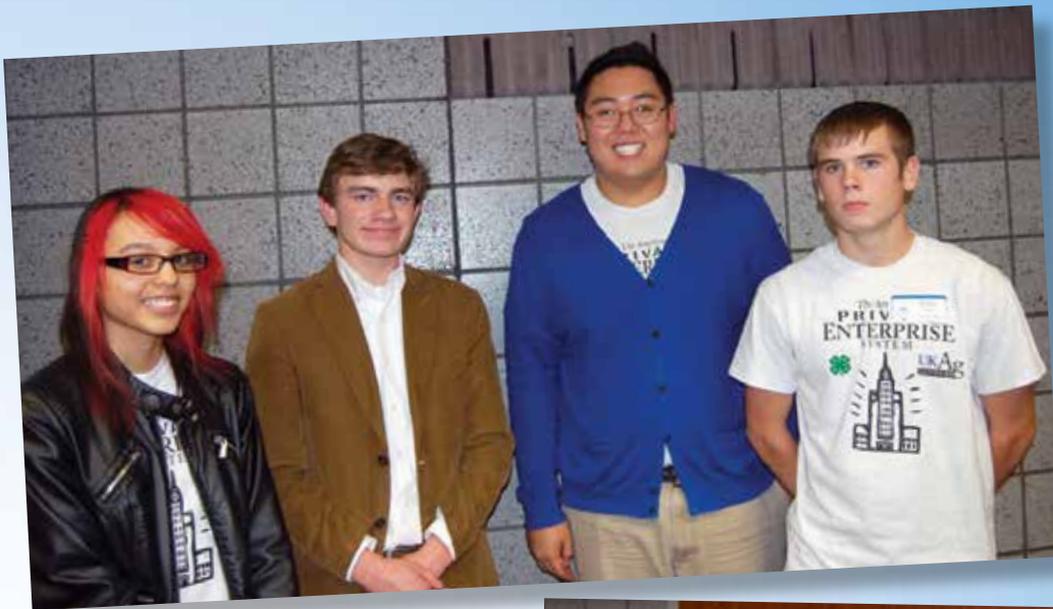
Top Scholars

Candace Bone (Central Hardin High School)

Quazaye Konkel (North Hardin High School)

Ethan George and Eric Corneilson (John Hardin High School)

Jason Pinto and Jennifer Pinto (Elizabethtown High School)



These students distinguished themselves as outstanding scholars during the APES seminar. Left to right are Quazaye Konkel (Outstanding Female award), Lander Ryan (Co-op Spirit award), KeeHup Yong (People's Choice award), and Ethan George (Outstanding Male award).



Above: A group of students participate in the board case study exercise at the APES seminar. This practice helps youth to make reasonable and promising solutions in everyday life.

Left: Zachary Emmerling from Faith Home School holds the APES mascot.

THANKS TO THE 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, Quazaye Konkel (North Hardin) and Ethan George (John Hardin) 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 (Whitlow & Scott Attorneys), Wes Mudd (First Federal Savings

Bank), Tim Goblirsch (Fort Knox staff judge advocate), Neil Atcher (State Farm Insurance Agent), Denise Myers (Blue Grass Energy), Michael Coyle (Elizabethtown Community & Technical College), and Jenny Oldham (Hardin County Attorney).

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, McAlister's, Magnolia Bank, Don Pierce & Associates, First Federal Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank, Preferred Memorials, Faith Home School Group, Hardin County Farm Bureau, Papa John's, Swope Auto Center, Lincoln Trail Homebuilder's Association, and the Cooperative Extension 4-H Council.

GET GREEN WINNERS

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!

Nearly 1,100 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.



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

Kenneth Gilbert
Paul Hughes
Bermy Whitlock
Steve Sherrard
Michelle Justis
Brent Aubrey
Mattie Puyear

Berteana Clan
John Brinegar
Yon Hama
Clarence Baker Sr.
Dorothy Coakley
Joan Waldrop
Randall Orban

Steven Wade
Harvey Craddock
Christina Silvia
Lissette Holding
Donald Miller
Paul Slusser

Each member received a \$100 credit on their December 2013 Nolin RECC electric bill! Watch your *Nolin News* to find out which of these winners will be awarded the home energy upgrades!



Install carbon monoxide detectors

Start your year out on a safe note: install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. If you heat your home with a gas or fuel oil furnace, have a gas fireplace, burn wood in a stove or fireplace, cook with a gas range/oven, or have an attached garage, you need carbon monoxide detectors. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, which is a potential byproduct of burning fossil fuels.

You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector to alert you of the presence of gas. The detector should be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, on the same floor as the bedrooms so it can alert your family to wake up in case the gas reaches an unhealthy level. Better yet, install a detector on every floor of the house.

The symptoms of mild carbon monoxide poisoning may be nonspecific and similar to those of viral cold and flu infections or food poisoning: headache, nausea, abdominal pain, dizziness, sore throat, and dry cough.

But unlike flu infection, carbon monoxide poisoning doesn't cause a high temperature.

In children, the symptoms are similar to those of an upset stomach, with nausea and vomiting.

You can also prevent serious consequences by learning to spot the warning signs. Carbon monoxide poisoning may be a possibility if:

- Other people in the home or workplace suffer similar symptoms

- Symptoms tend to disappear when you go away (for example, on holiday)

- Symptoms tend to be seasonal (for example, headaches during the winter when indoor heating is used more often)

Make sure batteries are replaced twice a year in your detectors.

If you see the signs or if the detector alarms, leave the home and call your local fire department and gas company to inspect the home and equipment.

Do not let your car idle in a garage that is attached to the home.

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.



**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 2 randomly selected member account numbers. If you spot your account number, contact the Member Services Department at (270) 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 \$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, **Joseph D. Dillow, of Magnolia.**

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.



Alexis McDowell is a 2013 graduate. She is currently taking advantage of her \$1,000 Nolin RECC scholarship by attending Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

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