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Featured above: : Nolin RECC Customer Service Representative Sharon Struwe, 6 years of service.

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*Between the Lines*

## Spring cleaning delivers safe, reliable power

Spring gives us a chance to thaw out after a chilly winter. Many take advantage of longer daylight hours by doing a little spring cleaning and yard work. But the seasonal shift isn't all good news. The rapid change from harsh, cold air to warmer temperatures can trigger severe weather. To protect our lines and keep power flowing safely to your home, Nolin RECC maintains its rights-of-way. Think of it as spring cleaning for power lines.

Right-of-way maintenance keeps tree limbs and other obstacles away from high-voltage power lines. Nolin provides this important service to its members for three main reasons: safety, reliability, and cost.

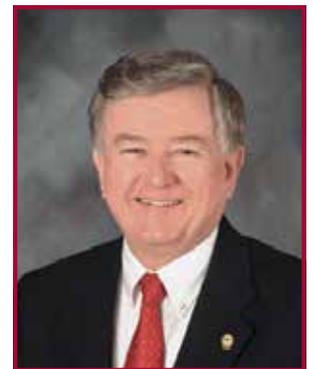
Our primary concern is the safety of our workers and members. Properly maintained rights-of-way keep our crews safe when they are restoring service and maintaining our system. Keeping trees clear of power lines also keeps your family safe. From making sure a child's tree house doesn't hit power lines to creating a safe environment while doing yard work, a well-maintained right-of-way helps avoid tragedy.

Power lines are a constant part of our landscape; it's easy to forget they are around. We work hard to keep the area around our lines clear, but we need your help. Be alert this spring. Don't plant trees or tall vegetation under power lines,

and keep an eye out for power lines when working in your yard or field.

If severe spring weather blows through, a well-maintained right-of-way leads to fewer outages and faster response time. Trees are less of a threat. When trees do fall, crews are able to restore service more quickly than they could with poorly maintained areas.

As a not-for-profit company, Nolin strives to keep costs affordable for you, the members. Maintaining our rights-of-way is an important part of controlling costs. Fewer and shorter outages save money for everyone. When crews work in well-maintained areas, we can reduce risks for employees and equipment too—another way to keep costs low.



**Mickey Miller**  
President & CEO



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# Cooperative Marketing

## When to pull the plug

Saying goodbye to an old friend can be daunting. But pulling the plug on an outdated refrigerator or dishwasher might save you money; new appliances are often considerably more energy efficient.

A new refrigerator consumes 75 percent less energy than a 1970s model. Replace a vintage clothes washer and save \$60 on utility bills and nearly 5,000 gallons of water a year, according to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Not every new appliance is a good bet; always look for the ENERGY STAR label. It signals energy-efficient models.

Ready to save? Walk through your home to find opportunities to pull the plug!

### Cleaning Kitchen, Laundry Costs

In the laundry room, a full-sized ENERGY STAR-certified clothes washer uses 15 gallons of water per load, compared to the 23 gallons used by a standard machine. During the machine's lifetime, this saves 27,000 gallons of water.

Replace your kitchen's classic refrigerator with an ENERGY STAR-certified model to save between \$200 and \$1,100 in lifetime

energy costs. Today's average refrigerator uses less energy than a continually lit 60-watt light bulb. Resist the urge to move the old refrigerator to the basement or the garage. Instead, say goodbye and recycle the energy-guzzler.

Was your dishwasher built before 1994? If so, you're paying an extra \$40 a year on your utility bills compared to neighbors with an ENERGY STAR-qualified model.

### Screen Savings

Televisions might be a little more baffling. As screen sizes increase, energy consumption may also rise. You can still be a savvy shopper. ENERGY STAR-certified TVs are about 25 percent more efficient than conventional models. LED screens use 20 percent less energy than LCD TVs.

Once you purchase a TV, calibrate it by adjusting the contrast and brightness to a moderate level. By default, new televisions are set to dynamic, high-contrast settings. This consumes more power than standard, lower-contrast settings.

### Smart Settings

Attached to old appliances? You can still save with smart settings. For example, heating water creates the greatest expense when washing dishes or clothes. Set your water heater at 120 degrees and be sure your clothes washer or dishwasher is full whenever used.

### Here are a few other ways to save without buying new appliances:

- **NOT TOO COOL FOOD:** In the kitchen, don't keep your refrigerator or freezer too cold. Recommended temperatures are 37 to 40 degrees for the fresh food compartment and 5 degrees for the freezer section.
- **TOAST, DON'T ROAST:** Use toaster ovens or microwave ovens for small meals rather than your large stovetop or oven.
- **AIR DRY DISHES:** Use the dishwasher's "eco" option or use a no-heat air dry feature. Scrape food pieces off the plates, rather than rinsing them.
- **COLD CLOTHES:** In the laundry room, wash your clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents whenever possible. Adjust load settings for smaller loads.
- **LOSE LINT:** Clean the lint screen in the dryer after every use to improve the dryer's efficiency.

For other tips on how to save energy, call the energy experts at Nolin RECC at (270) 765-6153. Find out how little changes add up to big savings at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com) or [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com).

Sources: ENERGY STAR, Consumer Electronics Association, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, U.S. Department of Energy, Natural Resources Defense Council



### CLOTHES WASHER

Typical wattage – 350-500  
New vs. old: Save more than \$100 a year  
Way to save: Use cold water when possible

### REFRIGERATOR

Typical wattage – 725  
New vs. old: Save more than \$100 a year  
Way to save: Adjust the temperature settings

### DISHWASHER

Typical wattage – 1,200-2,400  
New vs. old: Save \$40 a year  
Way to save: Set water heater temperature to 120 degrees

In the laundry room, wash your clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents whenever possible. Adjust load settings for smaller loads.  
Source: NRECA

# The Receiving end of Giving

## Nolin Seeks Recipients for Operation Round-Up Funds



How many times have you wanted to support a worthy community project or organization and not been able to afford the extra expense? Nolin RECC members can avoid having to spend large sums of money to help others by rounding up a little extra change each month when they pay their electric bill.

**Operation Round-Up (ORU) and the concept behind the program is simple.** ORU allows co-op members to voluntarily contribute quarters, dimes, nickels, and even pennies into a special account after they agree to have their electric bills rounded up to the next dollar. All of the funds collected from ORU are dedicated to charitable causes and community projects.

Since implementing Nolin RECC's ORU in June 2006, more

than \$100,000 has been donated to projects/agencies in our communities. More than 5,100 Nolin RECC members are enrolled in ORU, each contributing around \$6 a year in change. "I don't mind giving a little change each month in order to make a big change in my community," says Nolin RECC Operation Round-Up member David Cooney.

During last year's annual meeting in June at John Hardin High School, \$18,000 was awarded to the Clarity Solutions for Women, Mission of Hope for Kids, and the Patton Museum Foundation WW II Barracks Restoration.

Local citizens make up a nonprofit board of directors that governs ORU. The board reviews applications for community projects and makes decisions on when, where, and how to utilize funds.

## Applications for ORU Funds Now Being Accepted

Are you involved with a charitable organization or a nonprofit group in need of materials or equipment? If so, then Nolin's ORU may be able to help. Applications for grants will be accepted until 5 p.m., April 4, 2014.

Visit the Nolin RECC Web site at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com) to apply for a grant or call the office at (270) 765-6153 for an application.

## Want to be on the giving end of ORU?

Operation Round-Up is an exclusive program to Nolin RECC and its members; however, participants do not have to be a member of the cooperative to donate funds. Individuals interested in receiving more information about ORU are urged to call Cheryl Thomas at Nolin RECC.

## Three Nolin RECC members rewarded for giving back to community

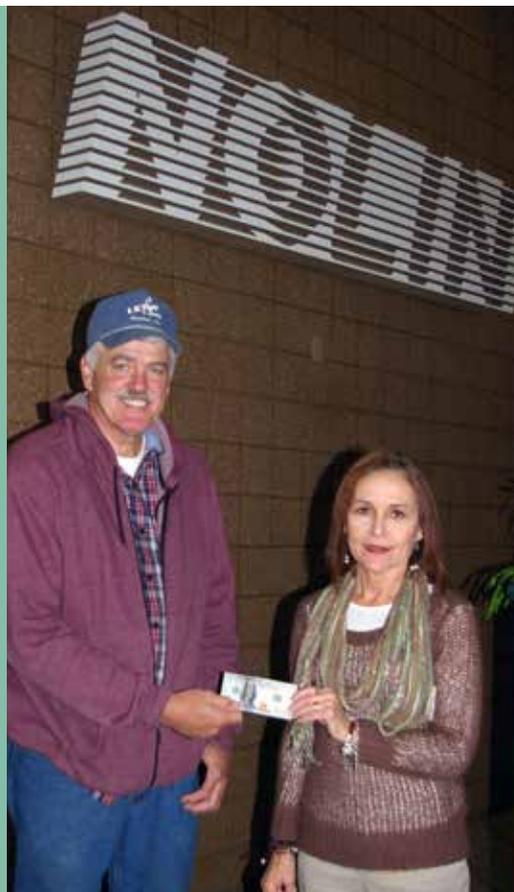
Three co-op members recently learned they were each receiving a cash prize because of their voluntary participation in Operation Round-Up.

A membership drive concluded in December, which placed new enrollees as well as current participants of the program in line to win \$25, \$50, or \$100.

David Cooney was the \$100 winner, Carmel Kidd won \$50, and Julie Dallman won \$25. The winning members' names were selected randomly from all ORU participants.

Thanks to our Nolin members who voluntarily contribute to ORU.

**Members can enroll in ORU any time throughout the year.**



Co-op member David Cooney of Elizabethtown was pleasantly surprised to learn he had won \$100 in the ORU random drawing. He says, "It's not about the amount of money you give, it's about the amount of positive attitude you have in giving." Mr. Cooney, who has been enrolled in ORU since the program began in 2006, received his cash reward from Nolin RECC cashier manager Kathy Williamson.

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# Know How to Stay Safe After Storms

Severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flooding can leave more than damage in their wake—they can leave hidden dangers as well. In some cases, more lives are lost after the storm than from the storm itself.

When you're dealing with storm cleanup or flood-damaged property, the prospect of an electrical accident is probably not on your mind. But it's the first thing you should think of before you go outside, step foot into a flooded area, or enter a storm-damaged building.

When outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard. Treat all downed or hanging power lines as if they are energized. Lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live. Warn others to stay away, and contact Nolin RECC immediately.

Do not touch downed power lines, and do not touch objects or puddles of water in contact with those lines. There is no way to know if they are energized. Encountering these objects can be as hazardous as coming into contact with a downed power line itself.

## Safe Electricity offers other precautions following storms:

- If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away, and contact emergency personnel or Nolin. Never drive over a downed line, as it could pull down poles and other items along its path.

- Be alert at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings, and treat road intersections with traffic signals as four-way stops

before proceeding with caution.

- Before re-entering storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are turned off. Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you cannot reach your breaker box safely, call Nolin to shut off power at the meter.

- Never step into a flooded basement or other area if water is covering electrical outlets, appliances, or cords.

- Electric motors in appliances that have been drenched or submerged should be thoroughly cleaned and reconditioned before they are put back into service. It may be necessary to replace them. Do not

use any water-damaged appliance until a professional has checked it out.

- If you use a portable generator, be sure a transfer safety switch has been installed, or connect appliances directly to the generator. This prevents electricity from traveling back through the home to power lines—what is known as “back-feed.” Backfeed creates danger for anyone near lines, particularly crews working to restore power.

*For additional information, tips and safety videos, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).*

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Electricity.org**



# Bob Wade Leaves Mark on Community

Former Nolin RECC director and board chair Robert C. “Bob” Wade Sr. will be greatly missed by his family, community, and business affiliates. Mr. Wade was an icon in his community and served as an excellent example of true leadership and commitment to helping others. He passed away at age 79 on January 8 at his home in Elizabethtown.

Bob’s passion was farming – he and his wife of 55 years, Ella Mae, farmed in the Glendale area and raised corn, soybeans, and small grains. He also enjoyed canoeing, hiking, camping, and traveling. The Wades have three sons, Steven R. (Conny) Wade, Thomas C. Wade, and Robert C. (Jill) Wade Jr.; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Wade served as a director for Nolin from 1970 to 2004 (nearly 30 of those years were spent as board chair). Bob’s efforts in the rural electrification program are unmatched. His devoted service to the Nolin members during his 35-year tenure was nothing short of remarkable. Wade’s cooperative decisions were always made in the best interest of Nolin members. His reputation for excellence is well-known by cooperative employees, members, and throughout the community. Just the mention of his name made people stop to listen.

Upon announcing his retirement more than 10 years ago, Mr. Wade said, “It’s time for new leadership. I never thought I would hold on to this position forever. As a board director, I feel like I have gotten my ideas across at Nolin. And my service on the CFC board has allowed me to take



Robert Cates Wade Sr.  
May 16, 1934—January 8, 2014

part in many state and national level movements in the rural electrification industry, so I began to think it was time to move on.” On more than one occasion, Mr. Wade commented that his years of service to Nolin members have never been about him personally: “My involvement with Nolin is not about me – it has always been about the members – the people that we represent.”

Although Bob retired from the Nolin RECC board, he never retired from his community and the personal drive that inspired him to serve others. Mr. Wade possessed many leadership qualities that made him unique not only to Nolin, but to so many other organizations and programs throughout Hardin County, the state, and the nation. Mr. Wade served two years in the Army with 16 months in Korea. He served as chairman and board

member of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives. He served as a board director of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) in Washington, D.C., for six years. A partial list of Mr. Wade’s community involvement includes: Hardin County Extension Feed Grain Committee treasurer, Glendale Lions Club member, Helping Hand director, PNC Bank director, Elizabethtown Community College Foundation director, past president and board member of North Central Kentucky Education Foundation, member of the University of Kentucky Community College Futures Commission, and past chairman of Hardin County Extension District Foundation. He received the Outstanding Young Farmer of Kentucky Award and the Hardin County Distinguished Citizens Award in 2005. He was appointed by Governor Jones to the Public Advisory Committee of Kentucky Outlook 2000: A Strategy for Kentucky Third Century. Mr. Wade was recognized as recipient of the R.R. Thomas Award for Orderly Development of Hardin County. He also received the Hardin County Farm City Relations Award and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Award for Distinguished Service to Kentucky Agriculture.

Bob Wade’s credentials and awards go on and on. The space on this page does little to capture his life and the mark he leaves behind. He was a man of great integrity – an honest, hard-working, true Southern gentleman who loved his family, his community, and his co-op!

# Service Awards for Nolin

Several co-op employees were recognized recently with service awards by Mickey Miller, Nolin RECC president and CEO. Altogether, 27 employees were honored, including Mickey Miller, who celebrated his 40th year at Nolin RECC.

A special dinner was held to pay tribute to all 98 co-op employees and to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Check out your proud co-op employees representing 520 combined years of service!

## 5 years



Sitting left to right and honored for 5 years of service are Sharon Struwe, Russ Stanger, and Rhonda Grigsby. Also celebrating a 5-year anniversary are Daniel Disselkamp and Josh Sanders (right).



## 10 years



Left to right Jeremy Jones, Sara Johnson, Andrea Pelley, Allison Coffey, and Jason Mattingly are honored for 10 years of service at Nolin.

## 15 years



Jeremy Nunn and Kurt Spies were both recognized for 15 years of service.

## 20 years



Celebrating 20 years of service are (left to right) front Nick Boone, Melinda Redmond, and Chris Bell. Rear (left to right) are Diana Hawkins-Sullivan and Michelle Rogers. Keith Thompson was also honored for 20 years of service (right).



# RECC Employees

## 25+ years



Left to right, Joyce Reynolds is honored for 30 years of service; Cheryl Thomas, Andy Patterson, and Dena Wilcoxson celebrate 25 years of service, while John Lutz is honored for 35 years at Nolin. Vince Heuser is recognized for 35 years of service also (right).



## 40+ years



Left to right, George Shackelford is recognized for 50 years of service, Mickey Miller celebrates 40 years of service, and Nolin RECC board director Buddy Rosenberger is honored for 35 years of service.

## Nolin Director Earns Electric Cooperative Service Award

A.L. “Buddy” Rosenberger, Nolin RECC director, was honored for his 35 years of service to the electric cooperative industry by the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives Inc. (KAEC) at its annual meeting in Louisville on November 19, 2013.

The award was presented to Rosenberger by KAEC Chairman Tommy Hill at a breakfast meeting attended by electric cooperative leaders from across Kentucky.

“The electric utility industry is incredibly complex, and we need skilled leadership to make the right decisions for today and tomorrow,” said Hill during the awards ceremony. “The members of Kentucky’s electric co-ops are the beneficiaries of the education and experience that today’s honorees have accrued through their years of service to their co-ops.”

Rosenberger has served as a Nolin director since July 1978, and during the past 20 years he has held the office of secretary-treasurer. He completed the Board Leadership Program and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Director Education Program. In addition, he represents Nolin on the East Kentucky Power Cooperative board serving as secretary.

KAEC is the statewide service organization that represents Kentucky’s 26 not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives that provide electric service to nearly 2 million Kentuckians in 117 of the state’s 120 counties.





**WE ALL HAVE A JOB TO DO.** When it comes to using energy wisely, no job is too small. But some are pretty high up. Yet when every co-op member works together, it's a job that comes with countless benefits. Learn more about the power of your co-op membership at [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com).

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**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, **Joshua J. Almas of Sonora.**

**Online payments**

Access your Nolin RECC account through our Web site at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://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."



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