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Featured above: Nolin RECC line technician
Shaun Scherer, 14 years of service

News you can use

Happy Birthday to YOU *Nolin RECC has much to celebrate in July*

July is the time we celebrate our nation’s independence. It also marks the month Nolin RECC first turned the lights on for 800 new co-op members. Although Nolin was incorporated in July 1938, it would take another year of hard work and perseverance from many people before rural land owners would see the lights come on in their homes!

This month officially marks Nolin’s diamond anniversary – the 75th! When I think about the love of freedom that inspired the Continental Congress to sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, I am reminded about the inspired group of local farmers and those across America’s countryside that banded together to improve their quality of life by forming electric cooperatives.

Aside from President Franklin Roosevelt’s promise of federal aid in the form of low-interest loans and engineering expertise, rural Americans didn’t have much help in bringing electricity to their homes. They pulled together and did it themselves, going door to door to recruit help to set poles and gain new co-op members.

For those individuals working to form Nolin RECC back

in the mid 1930s the problems were many. Money had to be borrowed to purchase equipment and materials. Everyone wanted electricity, but not many knew much about it. In fact, many commercial power companies sneered at the idea that farmers could run an electric utility.

But it looks as though we proved our strength by working together. Neighbors helping neighbors, spirits banding together, the pioneers of Nolin RECC proved to everyone that the drive and determination was stronger than the criticism. That strong spirit that existed in 1938 built a powerful, reliable, and financially stable cooperative. It’s your cooperative – you own Nolin RECC and you and your forefathers are directly responsible for the success we enjoy today. And I believe that spirit is still alive!

Your co-op employees want to treat you and your family to a simple lunch to show our appreciation. Please stop by the Nolin RECC office, 411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., on Friday, July 19, and join us for hot dogs, chips, drinks, cake, and ice cream. We will be giving away door prizes every 30 minutes beginning at 11:30 a.m.



**Mickey Miller
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Nolin's Todd Drake Tells Member to "Save it"

When Nolin RECC member Kimberly Jayne of Elizabethtown purchased her home a little over a year ago, she knew it was in need of repairs, especially improvements that would make the home more energy efficient. Kimberly learned about Nolin's marketing programs that offer bill credits as rebates to members who make needed energy-efficient upgrades to their all-electric homes at least two years old. Before she even moved into the house, her first call was to Nolin RECC!

Nolin's Energy Services Coordinator Todd Drake took a look at the home and performed a free home energy pre-evaluation on her residence to determine what, if any, improvements could be made.

Drake says he calculated the attic insulation at R-19 (Nolin recommends R-38). "One of the biggest energy hogs in the home was the absence of any insulation whatsoever in the sun room," says Drake. "The sun room was an add-on to the home and neither the walls nor attic above the room had any insulation."

Since the heat pump was fairly new it didn't need to be replaced, but some of the windows in the home were single-pane so Drake recommended they be replaced with double-pane low-E windows.

"I was very impressed with the knowledge and recommendations Todd Drake shared with me on energy savings," says Kimberly Jayne. "I had no idea how many dollars I would be wasting if I had just moved in and not made any changes to my new home."

After adding an additional R-19 to the attic of her home and insulating to R-13 in the sun room walls, Jayne could immediately tell a difference



Nolin RECC Energy Services Coordinator Todd Drake talks with Nolin member Kimberly Jayne about ways to reduce her energy consumption by making energy-efficient improvements to her home.

in comfort level. She also decided to replace the single-pane windows with the more energy-efficient double-pane as suggested by Drake.

"It was well worth my time to have Todd come out and walk through my home with me to explain what I could do to save energy and money," says Jayne. "In these hard economic times every penny counts so when my electric cooperative offers to help me save money, that's pretty impressive."

Kimberly took advantage of Nolin's Button-Up program by scheduling

a pre- and post-home energy audit and completing energy-efficient upgrades to her home. After her home improvements were finished, Kimberly received the maximum rebate credit of \$600 to her electric bill.

Nolin offers other marketing programs and rebates to members looking to reduce their energy consumption while increasing home comfort levels. To find out how you can "Save It" call the Nolin RECC office at (270) 765-6153 and ask for Todd Drake.

"I think it's awesome that Nolin RECC offers free home evaluations and rebates on energy improvements; it shows they really care about their members." —Kimberly Jayne

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Where are they now...A Look Back in History

D.C.'s influence on two former Youth Tour students

Seventy-five years is a long time! For most of those years, Nolin has been involved in helping the youth in our community to prepare for their future.

- From 1950 to 2004 Nolin held beauty pageants at our annual meeting each year where local young ladies could develop personal skills and gain new friendships.
- Since the early 1960s Nolin has been participating in the Hardin and LaRue County American Private Enterprise Systems Seminars.

- Since 1972 Nolin has sponsored local high school juniors on a free weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., to learn about our government and how it does business.

- In 1991 Nolin began awarding college scholarships to high school seniors.

One of the more popular programs at Nolin is the Washington Youth Tour. Throughout the past 41 years, we have sponsored nearly 200 students on the D.C. trip. It includes a FREE week of touring historic monuments and museums and an education on how our government operates.

This month as we feature our current Washington Youth Tour students (opposite page), we thought it would be fitting to take a look back in history to see how the D.C. trip influenced two young men from Hardin County.

In 2001 former Elizabethtown High School student Travis Howell earned a seat on the bus headed for D.C. Today he says the trip contributed to his desire to get involved in public service after graduating from Bellarmine University.

"Youth Tour gave me the opportunity to experience the workings of electric co-ops and the important role they play in our communities," says Howell. "Every person from the CEO to each member has a role that is vital to the success of the co-op."

Currently, Travis is Constituent Relations director and legislative aide for Michigan State Senator Mike Green. He previously worked for the Michigan House of Representatives and was a Michigan regional field director for Mitt Romney for President.



Travis and his wife, Deanna, have a 2-year-old daughter, Reagan. As in high school and college, Travis still has a passion for soccer and is currently coaching youth soccer in Burton, Michigan. He serves on the Area Library board and is a deacon and youth Sunday school teacher at Eastgate Baptist Church in Burton. From a young age, Travis has been active in the Boy Scouts of America and is an Eagle Scout.

Another young man influenced by the Youth Tour was Central Hardin student Kyle Key. In 1992, Kyle traveled to D.C. with four other local high school juniors to make the usual round of tours and stops, but Kyle says the wars and sacrifices made by others came to life during his visit to Gettysburg and Arlington National Cemetery while on the Washington Youth Tour.

"Until you see it and feel it for yourself, it's difficult to fully appreciate what has been given to each of us by those few who have earned it," says Kyle. "At 18, it left an indelible impression on my life."

Today, Kyle writes about his trip to Washington as if he just made it yesterday, remembering small details and the representatives he met while on the tour. He reflects on meeting U.S. Rep. William Natcher and others while on Youth Tour and the lasting impression they left on him.

Kyle received his bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Western Kentucky University in 1996. From there he interned for former U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis (R-KY) and later served as a press assistant for U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD). He continued his professional development in



LEFT: Former Youth Tour delegate Travis Howell with wife, Deanna, daughter Reagan, and family pet Clover.

RIGHT: Kyle Key, a former Youth Tour delegate and U.S. Army National Guard Public Affairs Officer, has a deep appreciation for the freedom he and others enjoy.

media and worked as an executive producer for *Cal Thomas' America*, nationally syndicated TV talk show on the America's Voice television network in D.C.

Kyle writes, "On September 11, 2001, I was in Arlington, Virginia, just a couple of miles down on Columbia Pike from the Pentagon when we were watching the burning World Trade Center towers. I felt the ground shake and heard an explosion. The Pentagon had been hit. This to me was my call to give more than 'lip service' to my nation. After September 11, 2001, I left Washington, D.C., returned to Kentucky, and later enlisted in the Kentucky Army National Guard as a broadcast journalist with the 133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment in Frankfort. After completing Officer Candidate School, I was commissioned as a Signal Corps Officer and began recruiting critical skill healthcare professionals to support Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. I entered federal active duty service in the Active Guard Reserve program in 2005 and have been serving as public affairs officer."

Kyle Key is married to Stacey Walters and they have two sons, Keegan (8) and Kaelan (6). He is currently stationed at Camp J.T. Robinson in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

A Capitol Visit

Nolin offers local students free trip to D.C.

The Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour was well-received this year by high school juniors as 23 students competed for one of five seats on a chartered bus heading for Washington, D.C., June 14.

A portion of the competition involved a complimentary trip to Frankfort in April for all participants. Students and chaperones spent the day touring the Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion, and the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Lunch was provided at the Capitol and participants heard from various speakers, including The Honorable Michael Meredith, state representative, Dist. 19; The Honorable John D. Minton Jr., chief justice, Kentucky Supreme Court; The Honorable James R. Comer, Kentucky commissioner of Agriculture; and Ms. Megan Cummings, KEES coordinator for Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. The students received a special visit from Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson after touring the Capitol.

Based on a personal interview, essay, and test, five students were awarded an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., on June 14-21. Those students are Mariah Creason (Central Hardin), Dylon Hedgespeth (LaRue County), Erin Langley,

Clarence Lewis, and Mia Wiersema (all from Central Hardin).

The Washington trip is packed with tours of historical monuments, buildings, and museums like the Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Jefferson Memorial, Ford's Theatre, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and many others. In addition, the teens enjoyed an evening of sight-seeing and dancing as they cruised along the Potomac River.

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 college scholarships, electrical safety classes, and business and economics seminars. The Washington Youth Tour is just one program that allows us to help local teens experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



TOP: The 2013 Washington Youth Tour participants visiting Frankfort (front left to right) Vasi Wilk, Bailey Latham, Mariah Creason, Blake Pawley, Sierra Stark, Kaitlyn Florek, Mia Wiersema, and Kitty Timbers. Middle row: Rebecca Isaacs, Bradley Larimer, Remington Grenier, Kaitlyn Heuser, Tori Skillman, Emily Honaker, and Chicharlah Muldrow. Rear: Ethan Handel, Kevin Britt, Dylon Hedgespeth, Kyle Compton, Clarence Lewis, Sierra Barbour, Erin Langley, and Catherine Penning.



LEFT: Clarence Lewis, Tori Skillman, Kevin Britt, and Sierra Barbour check the temperature on the sun dial at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Nolin provides mobile device apps that feature store discounts

Need to know which businesses offer a Co-op Connections Card discount while you're out running errands? There's an app for that.

Nolin's Co-op Connections Card app for the iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Droid, and Blackberry is ready for download.

The Co-op Connections Card, a benefit of Nolin RECC membership, offers discounts from area businesses and national retailers. Once downloaded, the app gives you a virtual card, which includes vital prescription discount information, right on your phone.

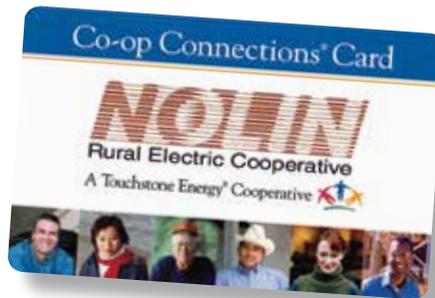
This app makes finding Co-op Connections Card deals so easy to find, especially when you're on the go. You can also present the virtual card to a pharmacist who can use that information for the discount if you don't have your physical Co-op Connections Card in hand.

The app uses your phone's GPS feature to find businesses that accept the card nearby. You can find local deals through a search feature and a category setup. Another option allows you to save the deal, archiving it to the device.

Even when you are out of town or on vacation, you can find Co-op Connections Card discounts in the area easily.

To download the free apps, go to www.connections.coop and follow the instructions.

For more information, please contact the Nolin RECC office at (270) 765-6153.



Check out these newly added local businesses for Co-op Connections

Elizabethtown

Azka Mediterranean Cuisine

Hillbilly's Tease

Legal Shield

Pink Cinnamon Photography & Boutique

Priddy Jewelry

Radcliff

911 Express Tech

Advanced Automotive Service

Apex Hair Salon

Best Buy Muffler & Brakes

Colton's Steak House & Grill

Jaz's Car Care Center

Michael's Italian Restaurant

Threads in Motion Embroidery

Word of Mouth Technical Services

Vine Grove

Blossoms & Heirlooms Florists

Fort Knox

Smile Happy

For a complete listing of local and national offers visit www.nolinrecc.com

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2013 Theme Park Discount Tickets



Nolin RECC members can save money by purchasing theme park tickets at discount prices. Parks include Kings Island and Holiday World. Discount tickets can be purchased at the cooperative offices in Elizabethtown and Radcliff during normal business hours.

	<u>Nolin Discount price</u>	<u>Regular price</u>
Kings Island	\$27	\$54.99 (Adult)
	\$27	\$33.99 (Children under 48")
	\$27	\$33.99 (Senior 62 and up)
<i>Children under 3 are FREE</i>		

These tickets are available only to members of Nolin RECC.



Holiday World	\$39.50	\$44.95 (Adult)
	\$35.50	\$36.95 (Children under 54")
	\$35.50	\$36.95 (Senior 60 and up)
<i>Children under 3 are FREE</i>		

Admission to park includes free soft drinks while in the park. These tickets are available only to members of Nolin RECC.

Lineworkers receive day of recognition

The U.S. Senate recognized April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day. The Senate passed a resolution honoring lineworkers for their efforts at keeping power flowing.

Approximately one-half of Nolin's 97 employees work in the field restoring power during outages and maintaining distribution lines and equipment. Across the nation, more than 19,000 men and women maintain 2.5 million miles of line for electric co-ops and public utilities.

The caliber of our line employees is top-notch. Each and every member of

our line crews should be commended for their hard work in delivering safe and reliable power to our members.

A bill introduced by U.S. Sens. Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) "recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety" was passed by unanimous consent. The resolution resolves that these workers:

- are steeped in personal, family, and professional tradition;
- are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other

public safety heroes;

• work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing;

• must often work under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of the United States;

• and put their lives on the line every day with little recognition from the community regarding the danger of their work.

It's time lineworkers were recognized like this – it's a great acknowledgement.



Some of Nolin RECC's lineworkers gathered for a group photograph on National Lineman's Appreciation Day April 18. Front row: Bobby Ash; George Shackelford; Jerry French; Dennis Yates; Terry Hudson; Russ Stanger; Jarred Gardner; Josh Sanders; Daniel Disselkamp; Anthony Huff; Jeremy Jones; Chad Denney; Andy Patterson; Mitch Hunt (kneeling); Josh Hess; Donnie Propes. Back/top row: George Clark; Tommy Sullivan; Shaun Scherer; Steve Allen; Nathan Yates

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Join us for
MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY
In honor of YOU and your co-op's 75th Anniversary



YOU are the guest of honor at Nolin RECC's Member Appreciation Day on Friday, July 19, at the co-op office, 411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown. Help us celebrate Nolin's 75th anniversary by joining us for hot dogs, chips, drinks, cake, and ice cream from 11a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Nolin RECC Cooperative Meeting Center.

Attending members can enter a chance to win a personalized Nolin RECC 75th anniversary commemorative afghan designed by artist Pamela Renfroe.

We value your membership – our members are the most important part of Nolin RECC. After all...it's your co-op! We'll see you for lunch on July 19!

HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR AND HORSE SHOW

Nolin RECC Member Discount: Opening Night Only—Monday, July 8

- Tractor Pull • Miss Hardin County Fair Pageant • No Joes Clown Circus
- Mark Comley Magic Show • Rides provided by Meyers International Midway
- Miniature Horse Show • Ugly Lamp Contest (sponsored by Nolin RECC)

\$1.00 OFF REGULAR ADMISSION PRICE OF \$9.00

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



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 4 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, **Michael K. Brown, of Glendale.**

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."

A look back in time

Nolin RECC member June Thornberry-Raine, of Rineyville, takes a moment to look back in time...

"I was about 12 years old and living in LaRue County when the lights came on in our home. I don't know the exact date but I remember it vividly. We had one light hanging from the ceiling and it cost us \$3.50 a month. I remember when the line workers went across the field on our farm with one of those big power lines.

"I went from one single light bulb at age 12 to multiple outlets and energy-efficient lighting today. I will be 87 on July 10 and it's great to know that if anything goes wrong with my electricity (which it really never does), all I have to do is call Nolin RECC and they will be here. I can just pick the phone up and call Nolin. Good service... good people!"



The offices of Nolin RECC will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day

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