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Featured above: Chelsea Faber
Nolin RECC Administrative Assistant, 1 year of service

Comments from the President and CEO

The path to efficiency independence

While fireworks and Independence Day parades are synonymous with the Fourth of July, no such fanfare comes to mind when discussing energy efficiency. Perhaps it should. If you think about it, energy efficiency not only benefits individuals and families, but the country as a whole. Energy efficiency, combined with energy conservation and advances in technology in the utility industry, ultimately helps our country on a path toward greater energy independence. And that's worth celebrating.

Benefits of efficiency

Greater efficiency means less energy is used for the production of goods and services. For individual consumers, a reduction in energy use usually translates to a tangible financial benefit: more money in your wallet at the end of the month. If your co-op neighbors are also using less energy, collectively, it means the overall cost of providing that electricity could be lower and may result in reduced costs for co-op members. For many, this is reason enough to strive for greater energy efficiency. On a national level, energy efficiency, sometimes called the "fifth fuel," has a more profound impact. It can potentially boost the economy by allowing consumers and businesses to invest in other areas.

Strike up the band

There's no need to wait for the first exploding burst of fireworks in the

night sky to start your energy-efficiency efforts. Every American can take charge of their own energy use, regardless of the date on the calendar. Small steps can lead to a big difference for you and your neighbors, whether across the road or across the country.

Energy efficiency can generally be achieved two ways. The first is with mechanical change, such as replacing an older HVAC unit or less efficient appliance with a new ENERGY STAR model or upgrading to new, insulated windows. Less expensive actions include caulking exterior windows and doors and sealing openings where pipes and ductwork meet the outside to help avoid air leaks. Swapping out the last incandescent bulbs (inside and outside) with LEDs also makes a noticeable difference.

Smart control

The second way to realize energy efficiency is through smarter management of your energy use. Leveraging smart thermostat technology is a good place to start. Most smart thermostats contain an app allowing remote control by mobile phone or tablet. Program your thermostat to reflect your family's schedule. Many thermostat programs allow you to view and edit your thermostat schedule and



monitor the amount of energy used. Sometimes, however, energy efficiency is simply a matter of changing old habits, such as washing clothes in cold water instead of hot or shortening the family's shower time.

Regardless of the path you take on the road to energy efficiency and independence, Nolin RECC can help you on the journey. For information about energy-efficiency programs, contact us at nolinrecc.com or call (270) 765-6153 to speak with one of our energy advisors.



Mickey Miller
President & CEO

Let's work together to be energy efficient

As we wait to hear from the Kentucky Public Service Commission on Nolin's request for a rate adjustment, this is the time to maximize the energy efficiency of your home or business. Nolin urges you to prepare for a rate increase now so that you're not caught off guard during the summer and winter months when energy usage is higher than normal.

Nolin remains committed to helping you keep your electric bill as low as possible, and we have programs and experts who are eager to help.

Here's how you can get started:

1. Get a free energy audit. Contact Nolin to have an energy professional evaluate your home and recommend energy-efficiency improvements. For an immediate energy audit, use the online analysis at www.nolinrecc.com. Click on *BillingInsights*.

2. Tighten up. Inexpensive, do-it-yourself solutions, such as caulking around windows and light fixtures or adding an extra layer of insulation, can save up to 20 percent on heating and cooling costs.

3. Make sure your ducts are sealed. Efficiency can be improved up to 30 percent just by sealing leaks in heating and cooling systems.



Nolin RECC energy advisors Todd Drake, left, and Billy Pait want to help you become energy efficient.

4. Make a change. Nolin offers up to \$1,000 in rebates for replacing your outdated, inefficient heating system with a high-efficiency one.

5. Get rebates for new appliances. If you buy appliances with an ENERGY STAR label, you're probably eligible

for rebates from Nolin, ranging from \$50 to \$300.

Yes, the price of electricity is probably going to get higher in years ahead. Resolve now to become more energy efficient. Nolin energy advisors are standing by to help. Call us at (270) 765-6153.



Budget your electric bill all year

Let us help you manage your dollars so that your electric bill stays in line with your budget.

Nolin's Budget Billing is simple...the program allows members to pay an average dollar amount each month based on the previous 12 months' usage. In other words, members no longer receive higher bills in the winter and summer due to increased HVAC usage.

You don't have to visit the Nolin RECC office to sign up for Budget Billing – you can enroll over the telephone by calling (270) 765-6153, or visit www.nolinrecc.com and click on "Residential Bill Payment."

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Students Capitalize on Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

High school juniors are typically offered numerous opportunities throughout the school year from varsity sports to Governor's Scholar to the Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour. It's a busy time in the life of a 16-17-year-old teen, but the outcome can be well worth the time invested.

Five local upcoming high school seniors are quick to agree that the payoff for their effort in competing in the Nolin Washington Youth Tour was definitely worth the outcome. The five were selected from 14 participants to travel on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., on June 9-16.

A complimentary trip to Frankfort in mid-April was offered to all participants. Students and chaperons spent the day touring the Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion,



The 2017 Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour participants are: (front left to right) Emilee Rayls, Keeley Slade, Brittany Thomas, and Alyssa White. Rear: Annalise Johnson, Grayson Stinger, Harrison Hynes, Samuel Smith, Madison Hillberry, Katrina Ingalls, Amelia Cox, and Noah Freyberger.

the Old Governor's Mansion, and the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Lunch was provided at the Kentucky History Museum and students heard from various guest speakers.

Based on a personal interview, essay, and test, five students were awarded the Washington trip. Those students were Amelia Cox (Central Hardin), Madison Hillberry (John Hardin), Skyler Hornback (LaRue County High), Katrina Ingalls (Castle

Hill Haven Academy), and Grayson Stinger (Elizabethtown High School). Alternates were Keeley Slade (John Hardin) and Alyssa White (LaRue County High School).

Andrew Barnes and Skyler Hornback were unable to attend the Frankfort Youth Day activities.

Madison Hillberry was not able to make the trip to D.C., so first alternate Keeley Slade was excited to step up as one of the five delegates.

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 the Washington Youth Tour, college scholarships, electrical safety classes, and business and economics seminars.

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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, Paul M. Longneff, of Radcliff.**

We've Got Your Number! \$25 \$25

WIN \$25 Worth of FREE Electricity

Nolin News features a contest called "We've Got Your Number." Hidden inside this issue are four 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*!

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