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Featured above: Senior Line Technician Cody Sullivan,  
1 year of service

Comments from the President & CEO

## Be counted: Complete the census

This month communities throughout Nolin RECC's service area will be displaying red, white and blue in observance of our nation's Independence Day. We will express patriotism by honoring our military—those who have fought and died for our freedom. We may even celebrate with fireworks and barbecues. This year, I urge every member of the cooperative to add one other act to this list: completing the 2020 Census.

Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution requires an accurate count of all residents every 10 years. Since 1790, the census has ensured that communities like ours are fairly represented in government. It's our civic responsibility to step forward and say "I COUNT!"

The number of seats Kentucky holds in the House of Representatives depends entirely on census results. Also, the more people in our area who are counted, the more money our local communities can receive from census-guided federal funding.

Census responses are confidential and protected by law. You'll be asked to tally the number of people in your household and record basic information such as age, sex and race. The survey does not question any individual's citizenship or ask for social security or financial information.



**Together, we can ensure Kentucky receives the resources it needs.**

**It's easy. Complete now at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)**

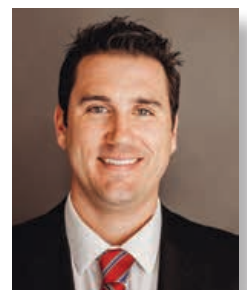
**United States® Census 2020**

Participating in the 2020 census is simple and takes 10 minutes or less. You can respond online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov). You can also call (844) 330-2020 to be counted. Or, you can complete and return the paper questionnaire mailed to you.

Caring for the community is fundamental to the way Nolin RECC does business. It's the reason I'm urging every co-op member to stand up and be counted in the census.

The 2020 Census is important, safe and easy. Declare July 4 as your

day to be counted, and then inspire others to do the same. It's our patriotic duty.



Greg Lee  
President & CEO

# Take control of your cooling costs this summer

It's air-conditioning season, and that means a spike in your family's energy use.

This summer, make an effort to waste less cold air. Three quick do-it-yourself jobs will help:

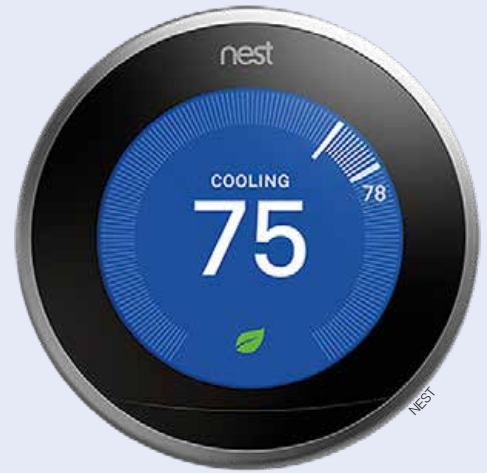
**1.** Buy an inexpensive caulk gun from a home-improvement store and caulk around your windows and doors. Little cracks can be a big energy waster because they let your comfortable, air-conditioned air out of the house.

**2.** Inspect the interior side of your home's exterior walls. There, you'll find cable and phone cords coming inside. Around them are tiny gaps that double as escape

hatches for cool air. They also let hot outdoor air sneak indoors. Caulk around them.

**3.** Add insulation to your attic. Most homes are built with plenty of attic insulation to keep the hot air that pounds on your roof from finding its way inside. But over time, that insulation, deteriorates or gets knocked out of place. If that has happened in your attic, freshen up the insulation.

Then, push the thermostat up to 78 degrees and turn on your ceiling fans. You'll save energy and still feel comfortable.



And don't forget that you could save even more by enrolling your qualifying smart thermostat in our Simple Saver program. Go to [www.simplesaver.coop](http://www.simplesaver.coop) for details.

## Social distancing

The Nolin board of directors gathered for their May board meeting while observing

recommended social distancing guidelines. Like our employees, the board continues to work hard on

behalf of our members even during these challenging times.



SARAH FELLOWS

# Go paperless!

Did you know that Nolin RECC members can switch to paperless bill notifications through SmartHub? Using either the free SmartHub app on your mobile device or the SmartHub link at our website [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com), you can choose to stop receiving paper bills in the mail. Members who choose this option will receive an electronic notification that your bill is available to view and pay in SmartHub each month (you have the option of email and text notifications).

To sign up, you must first have a SmartHub account. Register for SmartHub either on our website or on the mobile app using your Nolin account number and a valid email address.



If you need help signing up, call us with questions (270) 765-6153.

Remember—you are responsible for any balance on your account even if you do not see the electronic bill notice that is sent to you, so it is very important to keep all of your contact information in SmartHub up-to-date.

# Commitment to community

Nolin RECC Accounts and Energy Specialist Billy Pait took part in the Kentucky Gives Day parade in Elizabethtown in May

on behalf of Junior Achievement. Nolin employees like Billy continue to support this program that benefits area youth.



# IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT SAFETY

**By following proper safety precautions, water and electricity can work together to properly hydrate your fields safely this summer.**

- Locate electrical disconnects within sight of and within 50 feet of the equipment that turn off the electrical power to equipment.
- Label all switches on the control panel to ensure you can quickly turn off the power if necessary.
- Weatherproof, waterproof and rodent-proof your electrical enclosures/boxes to prevent damage to wires.
- Install electrical grounding hardware like a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to prevent electrocution.
- Replace damaged electrical power cords.
- Install protective equipment, like a “jacketed” irrigation cable.
- Practice “lockout/tagout.” Turn the power off and apply a padlock to the controls or switch to indicate someone is working on the system and it cannot be turned back on.



Our Radcliff and Elizabethtown offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.



TIM WEBB

Check out our YouTube channel for educational videos on topics like electrical safety, what a line technician does, Operation Round-Up and more. You can also find our podcast Wire-to-Wire with Nolin RECC. Just go to YouTube and search for "Nolin RECC."



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