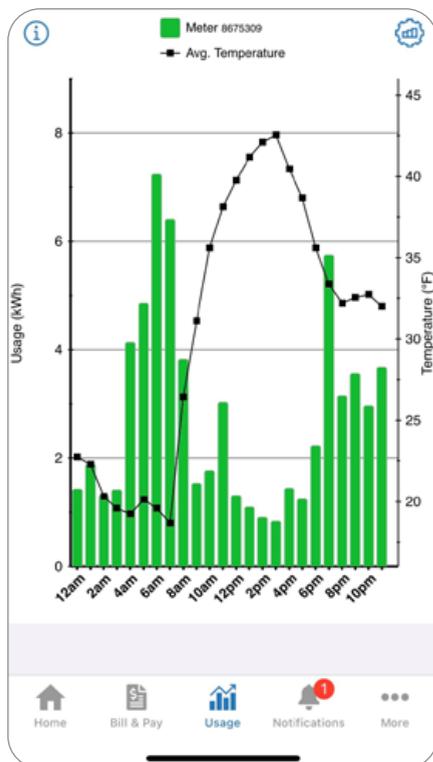




Take control of your energy use in 2022

How much energy we use in our homes directly impacts our utility bill. While there are some fixed costs in the generation and distribution of electricity, much depends on the usage itself. That's where you come in! There are ways to take control of your energy use that can potentially reduce your utility bill.

A good way to start taking control of your energy use is to know how and when you use energy. Our free SmartHub app shows you how much energy you are using in your home broken down



Screenshot from SmartHub's usage

by year, month, week, day and even by hour. It also offers a comparison to outside temperatures. Knowing WHEN you are using the most energy can help you isolate WHAT is using the most energy in your home, which can help you manage that use. See the "How Americans Use Electricity" diagram at right for details about where a typical residence might use the most electricity.

As the diagram shows, home heating represents a large percentage of energy use in a typical home. Here are some simple ways to minimize heating costs:

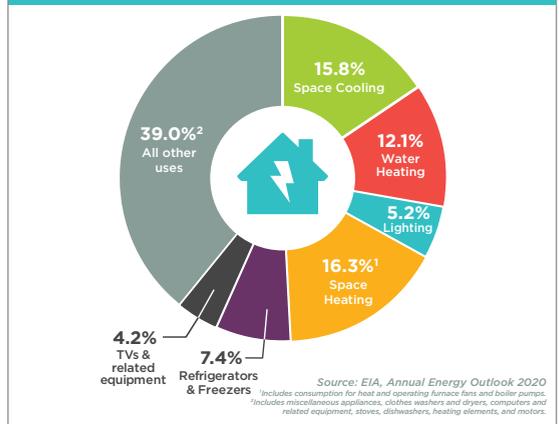
- Keep filters in the HVAC system clean by changing them regularly.
- Seal air leaks in doors and windows and check for adequate attic insulation.
- Keep window shades/curtains open during the day in winter months to allow the sun to warm a space. Close at night to retain heat.
- Use a programmable thermostat.
- Reduce thermostat temperature and add layers of clothes or blankets.
- Limit use of space heaters which can be very costly to operate.

In addition to heating, there are many other items in our homes that contribute to our overall energy use. Here are a few additional tips for managing the energy that these items use:

- Use smaller appliances to cook, such as a toaster oven or crockpot instead

How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, computers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for nearly 40% of electricity consumption in American homes.



- of a stove or oven.
- Turn off lights when not in use and replace fluorescent bulbs with LED.
- Use smart power strips and turn off electronic items when not in use.
- Close fireplace flue when not in use.
- Use cold water for washing clothes when possible and run full loads.
- Hang clothes to dry and avoid "dry" cycle in dishwasher.
- Take shorter showers.
- Upgrade to ENERGY STAR appliances when possible to help save energy (and money) in the long run.

These are just a few tips that can add up to big savings. We have a lot of resources on our website to help you manage your energy use and potentially reduce your bill. Find details at www.nolinrecc.com.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Leann Marsh, Customer Service Representative, 2 years of service

75 years of co-op news and counting...

The first issue of the Nolin newsletter to members was published in August 1946.

For many years, it was a stand-alone newsletter that was mailed to Nolin members to inform them of co-op business. When the newsletter first started, Nolin lines had been electrified for just seven years, so it was still a relatively new experience for members to have electricity in their rural homes and farms.

The content of the *Nolin News* (as it came to be called) has been fairly consistent through the years. Topics like electrical safety, ways to communicate with us, new technologies, our commitment to community and how to manage energy use have been priorities of the co-op from the beginning. While some sections like the “Woman’s Page” did not make it beyond the early years, we have continued to use this forum as a way to inform, educate and celebrate our members.

Even though the purpose of this newsletter hasn’t changed significantly, its look certainly has. The photos included here show the changes in appearance the *Nolin News* has undergone since that first issue in 1946. In September 1982, it became an insert in *Rural Kentuckian* (which would later become *Kentucky Living*) instead of a stand-alone piece. In March 1992, the design featured the new logo unveiled that year. It was produced in color for the first time in December 2004.

In January 2007, a more modern design was introduced and remained largely unchanged for 14 years. The exception was a color change in July 2020 due to the color scheme of our current logo introduced that year.

That brings us to this point in our history when we are excited to show off our newly redesigned *Nolin News*. At Nolin, we pride ourselves in honoring and learning from what has been while we move the co-op into the future. Though this redesign may not have the significance of some of the technological advancements we have adopted through the years, it is still a vital communication tool and we take what is published in these pages very seriously.

We hope you enjoy the new look of our beloved *Nolin News*.



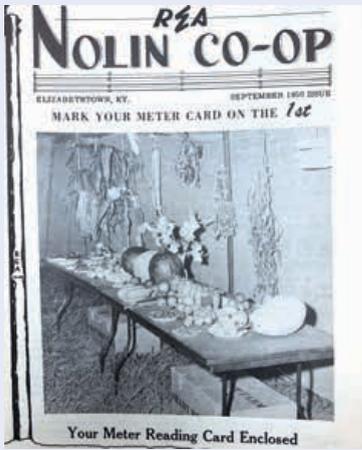
The cover of the first *Nolin News* published in August 1946.



This departure from the previous *Nolin News* logo only lasted two issues—in August and September 1981.



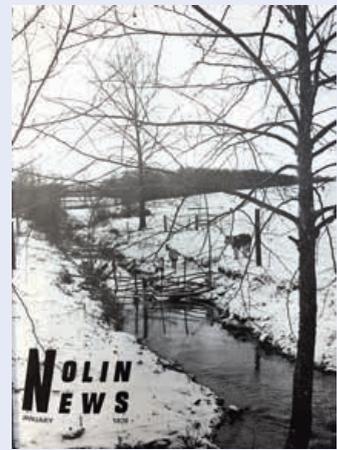
April 1998 saw the addition of the Touchstone Energy co-brand to the Nolin logo and newsletter nameplate.



The nameplate was updated in September 1950.



Newsletter first started displaying the name *Nolin News* with the redesign of April 1959.



The cover underwent another design change in January 1978.

LAST NOLIN NEWS

This is the last separate issue of the NOLIN NEWS you will receive. Beginning with the September issue, the NOLIN NEWS will be inserted inside the RURAL KENTUCKIAN Magazine. This change is another economy measure taken by your cooperative to help hold down costs of operations. We would like to hear your reaction and comments on this change.

This notice in September 1982 informed members that the *Nolin News* would transition to an insert in *Rural Kentuckian* (later *Kentucky Living*).



February 1988 saw the addition of a 50-year anniversary badge to the newsletter nameplate.



Nolin RECC's new logo in 1992 was prominently featured in the newsletter header.



The *Nolin News* was first published in color in December 2004.



January 2007 saw a redesigned newsletter.



With the introduction of Nolin RECC's new logo in 2020, the color of the newsletter was changed to reflect the new brand standard.



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Senior Line Tech David Johnston assembles the entrance arch for Christmas in the Park last November.



Nolin employees and their families ride a float decorated with Christmas lights in the Hodgenville Christmas parade last November.

Season of cheer

Nolin employees were happy to help spread cheer for the holiday season. Our line crews continued their tradition of putting up displays at Freeman Lake in Elizabethtown and Creekfront in Hodgenville and street light

decorations in several communities in the area. Employees also participated in the Hodgenville and Elizabethtown Christmas parades on a festive float, pictured above, created by Senior Line Tech Jay Eastridge and Crew Leaders Anthony Huff and Kenny Brown.

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