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Capital credit retirement

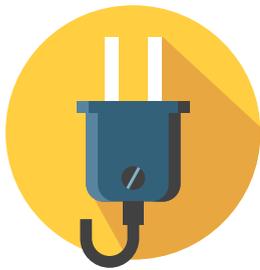
Nolin is pleased to retire \$5.5 million of previously allocated capital credits for the years 1995, 1998, 2003 and 2021. This means anyone who was a member and received a capital credit allocation for any of those years can expect to receive a bill credit or a check in the mail sometime this month or in December.

In general, the amount of the capital credit retirement you receive is determined by the amount of your electric bills. This entitles you to your fair share of the margin distribution after expenses are paid. A discounted retirement of any accumulated capital credits is payable to the estate of deceased members. Application for discounted retirement can be made

by an authorized representative of the estate. Call us for more information.

Unless you need to contact us about a deceased member's estate, you do not have to do anything to receive your allocation. If you have any questions about how capital credits work, call our office at (270) 765-6153 or go to <https://nolinrecc.com/capital-credits/>.

HOW DO CAPITAL CREDITS WORK?



Nolin RECC tracks how much electricity you use and pay for throughout the year.



At the end of the year, we assess our finances to see if there is excess revenue.



Nolin RECC allocates the excess revenues as **capital credits** to members, based on how much electricity you've used.



If financial conditions allow, the Board of Directors will pay out the **capital credits** in the form of a bill credit or check.

Because electric co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues are returned to members in the form of capital credits.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



WADE HARRIS

Nolin RECC Apprentice Line Technician
Tyler Hornback, 3 years of service.



SARAH FELLOWS

Wide Open Utility Service General Laborer,
Vegetation Management Chris Sanders,
1.5 years of service

Office closure:

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, November 3 for professional development. We will also close in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24 and 25.

Honor Flight 2022

For the first time since 2019, the Touchstone Energy Honor Flight took off from Blue Grass Airport in Lexington on September 17. A crowd gathered early that morning to see the 68 veterans off on their packed day in Washington, D.C. Two of the veterans on board were from Hardin County and sponsored by Nolin RECC: Gary Kohtala and Lisa Puckett.

Gary Kohtala

Gary Kohtala enlisted in the Army when he was 17 years old through a delayed entry program. He began active duty on his 18th birthday in 1972 and remembers receiving his high school diploma in his P.O. Box in Vietnam while deployed there. Already a skilled ham radio operator, Kohtala served as a Morse code interceptor during combat missions with an aviation company. His mission included doing intercept,

communication jamming and direction finding of enemy targets which provided essential support for operations.

One memory that stands out to Kohtala happened on the day of the cease fire in Vietnam. Ten minutes before the official cease fire was set to begin, his company was surrounded by sirens and booms. Expecting an attack, personnel were sent to the perimeter, but no attack came. He said the enemy had decided to give them a “send off.”

Kohtala retired from the Army as a sergeant first class in 1994. He moved into government contract work and eventually on to a job with Boeing. Though retired from military service, he still serves his country using his passion for ham radio working with agencies such as FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security to provide backup communications on government frequencies.



Lisa Puckett

Like Kohtala, Lisa Puckett started her service at the young age of 18. She joined the Air Force right out of high school and was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base. She spent four years working in military law enforcement and achieved the rank of senior airman. She recalls being one of the first women to serve in the military police on March Air Force Base (now March Air Reserve Base) in Riverside, California, where she spent most of her military service.

After she became pregnant with her first son, she left the Air Force to work at the United States Bullion Depository on Fort Knox. She spent 31 years working for the U.S. Department of the Treasury as a Mint Police officer. Her duties included protecting the 50 acres the Treasury owns and operates, including the famous “gold vault.”

Lisa retired as a sergeant with the Mint Police, then worked at the Hardin Count Detention Center in booking and the female Substance Abuse Program (SAP) program from 2016-2022.



Above, Lisa Puckett was one of two veterans who were inducted into the Women in Military Service for America Memorial while on the Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. Photo: Tim Webb

Right, Veteran Lisa Puckett in 1974 at Lackland Air Force Base. Photo: Lisa Puckett

Left, Gary Kohtala receives a warm welcome home at Blue Grass Airport after returning from Washington, D.C. Photo: Tim Webb

Below, Veteran Gary Kohtala in 1972 at Fort Ord, California. Photo: Gary Kohtala



Both Kohtala and Puckett come from families with a long history of military service and both continued to serve their country even after leaving their military duties. Both also see this dedication to their country as just a normal part of who they are. Kohtala explains that “life is about service and giving something back” and both he and Puckett have lived in a way that reflects this.

The Touchstone Energy Honor Flight gave these two veterans, and their fellow travelers, a chance to see how truly extraordinary this dedication is. From their morning send-off in Kentucky to the welcome in Washington D.C., police escorts around the capital, visits to the memorials and participation at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as well as the enormous crowd that welcomed them home, the day helped them all understand how much they are valued.



Puckett was inducted into the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. “Words can’t describe the wonder of the Honor Flight,” says Puckett.

For Kohtala and Puckett, and all those who went on September’s flight, it was a day to remember and an honor much deserved.



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Operation Round-Up

Spotlight: Project LEARN, Inc.

Project LEARN is an organization working with intellectually disabled adults located in Elizabethtown. It was established in 1983 to provide a day habilitation program for adults with intellectual disabilities, and it offers a program five days per week, year-round, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Project LEARN was a 2022 recipient of a Nolin RECC Operation Round-Up community impact grant.

The funds received were used to purchase umbrella bases and two large, raised planter boxes which were filled with a special soil blend composed of compost and other nutrients. Clients of the organization donned their garden hats, gathered up their trowels and selected their flowers and vegetable plants (plants were donated by Bluegrass Garden Center) and quickly



Project LEARN clients Katelin, Michelle and Deidra stand beside the new planter boxes.

finished a beautiful raised garden.

The next day, the clients painted rocks and placed them among the plants to enhance the boxes. Those who were less mobile watched and cheered them on from the deck area above the planters. Clients will continue watching and caring for their garden and hopefully will enjoy some fresh vegetables and herbs, as well as beautiful flowers.

Visitors are welcome to contact Project LEARN at (270) 737-1140 to learn more about the program and the services they offer to this underserved population in our community.



Project LEARN client Blair is ready to plant his flower in one of the new boxes. Photos: Linda Skees

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Right-of-way work schedule

In an effort to keep our members informed, we are providing information about where our right-of-way crews plan to work each month. This information is subject to change.

November 2022: Williams Substation, Bardstown Road, Fowler Lane, Botto Ave, John Ave, Upper Colesburg Road.

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