

Kentucky Living turns 75

Empowering co-op communities since 1948

Il of us at Nolin RECC are proud to bring you this 75th anniversary issue of *Kentucky Living*. At the heart of our service is the mission to improve the quality of life for the people and communities we serve. In the pages of *Kentucky Living*, we collaborate with our fellow electric cooperatives across the commonwealth to do just that.

When *Kentucky Living* debuted as *Kentucky Electric Co-op News* in 1948, most of the homes in our communities did not yet have electric service. The magazine not only chronicled the incredible progress of those early consumer-members of Nolin RECC, it also served to connect and inform, sharing experiences, knowledge and our common purpose.

At its core, Kentucky Living embodies the very essence of electric cooperatives-empowering co-op members. By delivering thought-provoking articles, timely updates and valuable resources, the magazine helps our members stay informed, engaged and connected. It serves as a platform for sharing success stories, innovative solutions and community initiatives, showcasing how we can achieve great things together. Whether it's highlighting energy saving tips, featuring local businesses or promoting cooperative principles, Kentucky Living fosters a sense of belonging and collective responsibility.

As a cooperative that belongs to the members we serve, Nolin RECC has a duty to keep you informed and advocate for your interests. That's why in addition to the local events, attractions and travel tips that make *Kentucky Living* so enjoyable, we also keep you updated on current events and the policies and regulations that affect our ability to provide you safe, reliable and affordable electric service.

As technology evolves and communication channels expand, *Kentucky Living* remains a steadfast source of

unity, resilience and progress and empowers Nolin members to actively participate in shaping our communities. It is not just a magazine, but a living testament to our cooperative values and our unwavering dedication to improve the lives of those we serve.

As you enjoy this special commemorative issue with photos and stories from the last 75 years, we encourage you to think about what legacy this generation will leave behind for Nolin members in the next 25, 50 or 75 years.

As we are reminded of how far we've come, we are also inspired to continue pioneering initiatives that benefit our communities. *Kentucky Living* serves as a bridge between our past, present and future, preserving our history while propelling us toward a brighter tomorrow.



Nolin RECC Annual Meeting

e were excited to see 2,676 members during annual meeting 2023. Our drive-thru registration continues to be popular, and we offered in-person and livestreamed options for the business session again this year.

During the business session, we formally said farewell to long-serving (now former) District 1 Director Buddy Rosenberger and cooperative attorney John Scott. Mark Cochran was announced as the new director for District 1 after receiving the most member votes in the election. David Brown was reelected to his position as District 4 director after running unopposed.

Thank you to all of our members who participated this year and to our employees who made annual meeting a success. Congratulations to our prize winners!



Director David Brown (District 4, chair), Director Gene Straney (District 2, vice chair), Director Linda Grimes (District 5), Nolin President & CEO Greg Lee, Director Lawrence Ireland (District 6), Director Mark Cochran (District 1), Director Rick Thomas (District 3) and Nolin Attorney Mike Pike. Photo: Wade Harris



Nolin Meter & Power Use Controller Jason Mattingly hands out a bucket during annual meeting drive-thru registration to member and Nolin retiree Gwen McCubbin. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Nolin RECC CSR Leann Marsh and Meter Records Coordinator Brian Heuke greeted members during registration. Photo: Sarah Fellows

Door prize winners

Photos by Christina Grey



\$500 winner Elaine Streigel



\$250 winner Aileen Hornback



\$250 winner Rose Slaughter



\$100 winner David & Barbara Phillips







\$100 winner Carl Mather



\$100 winner Johnny Meredith



\$50 winner Matthew Moreman



\$50 winner Gillard Choate



\$50 winner Teresa Gomez



\$50 winner Timmy Barkes



\$50 winner Jill Kast



\$50 winner Jack Herrmann

Not pictured:

- \$100 winner Rebecca Billington
- \$50 winners Charlotte Black, David May, Chad Marsh and Mary Day
- Coloring page winners Levi Wilkes, Shelby Sanders, Adalynn, Isaac Prather-Rodgers, Hudson

Coloring page winners (selected randomly from entries)



Kinsey Bright



Luca Wilson pictured with his mother, Ashley



Liam Ritter



Lucy Lewis



Case Rogers



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Members of the Operation Round-Up board of directors and local grant recipients at the annual meeting business session in June in Nolin's Cooperative Meeting Center. Photo: Sarah Fellows

Operation Round-Up

Grants totaling more than \$29,000 awarded to the community in 2023

epresentatives from 10 local organizations attended a presentation that recognized 2023 Operation Round-Up grant recipients. Checks were presented by Board Chair Price Smith following the annual meeting business session at the Nolin RECC Cooperative Meeting Center. The board awarded \$29,247.99 in community impact grants to area nonprofit organizations:

- Elizabethtown Area Youth Softball
- Empowered Life, Inc.
- Family Scholar House

- Friends of Hardin County Public Library
- Hardin County Schools (various schools)
- Helping Hand of Hope
- Shepherd's Pie Food Pantry
- Project L.E.A.R.N.
- St. James Catholic School
- Sunrise Children's Services

The next round of grant applications will be accepted starting March 2024. The application will be available at www. nolinrecc.com.



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.

August 2023: Vertrees Substation, Salt River Road, Laurel Ridge Road, Needham Road, Reed Lane, Hawkins Lane, Williams Lane, Pierce Mill Road, Hardinsburg Road, Vertrees Church Lane.

Free wood chips are available. Call (270) 765-6153 ext 2714 for details.