

Supporting young leaders

Nolin RECC sponsors students on Washington Youth Tour

When you hear about Nolin RECC investing in the communities we serve, it's not just in electrical infrastructure, economic development or the local events we support. We also have a national reach, sponsoring local students each year on the Washington Youth Tour.

In June, five local rising seniors joined 59 other electric co-op students from across the commonwealth for a weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The trip gives Kentucky's next generation of leaders the chance to meet with their senators and representatives and to participate in civic engagement activities with students from across the country.

Students were joined in Washington, D.C., by more than 1,800 delegates representing electric co-ops from across the country. Marking its 58th year, the Washington Youth Tour educates students about the issues facing co-ops, encouraging them to come home to Kentucky and help lead the co-ops in the future. "I am incredibly thankful to have been sponsored by Nolin RECC," says LaRue County High School student Brock Gross. "They rewarded me with an incredible experience."

The busy itinerary included stops at national memorials, Smithsonian museums, the Holocaust Museum and International Spy Museum, Arlington National Cemetery and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. At the U.S.



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Capitol, Nolin RECC students interacted with Kentucky's congressional delegation, including Sen. Rand Paul and representatives Brett Guthrie, Thomas Massie, James Comer, Andy Barr and Morgan McGarvey. Students also heard from staff members representing Sen. Mitch McConnell and Rep. Hal Rogers.

"My favorite part of the youth tour was the Capitol Hill Day—being able to see something I've wanted to see since kindergarten, and something that I hope I work in 10 years from now," says Sophia Stover from Central Hardin High School.

Coordinated by Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, the Washington Youth Tour gives students the unique opportunity to witness our government in action. "My experience on the Washington

Youth Tour was amazing," says Carly Gregory from Hardin County Virtual School. "I loved walking around D.C., and I can't wait to do it again!"

Shelby Burris from North Hardin High School and Blakyn James from LaRue County High School also participated in the tour.

"All young people should take advantage of this opportunity and see what D.C. has to offer," Burris says.

Kentucky's co-ops have sent rising high school seniors on the Washington Youth Tour since 1972. "We are investing in our local students because we believe it is important for young leaders to see our nation's capital and gain a better understanding of what it means to be a citizen," says Nolin RECC President & CEO Greg Lee.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



SARAH FELLOWS

Apprentice Line Design Technician Chester Shoffner—2 years of service



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Wide Open Crew Leader James Beard—2 years of service



Office closure

Our offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Tips for prepping your heat pump for winter

Schedule preventive maintenance

This is the most effective step to maintaining your heat pump. It is recommended to have your HVAC system serviced twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Having your system running at its peak performance going into winter is essential. An underperforming system will cause your auxiliary heat to run more than necessary and extended use of auxiliary heat is one of the main causes of higher winter electric bills. By making heat pump maintenance a priority, you can expect improved performance, lower heating bills and fewer inconvenient breakdowns.

Protect the outdoor unit

Your first instinct might be to build a blockade around your heat pump to protect it. However, this restricts airflow and can damage the equipment. Make

sure you do not have plants or structures around the outdoor unit. Your heat pump needs airflow to operate properly. If you have dogs, it is also important to make sure they are not able to urinate on the outdoor unit. Over time, this will cause major damage to the coils. If you are thinking about other steps to protect your unit, it is important to follow advice from a qualified heat pump contractor to ensure you do not hinder performance.

Switch the thermostat to heat, not emergency heat

This may seem basic, but we talk to several members each winter who have accidentally put their heat pump into emergency heat. If your system is in emergency heat, your heat pump is now operating as an electric furnace and will drive up your heating costs. Double check to make sure your system is in heat mode when we start having colder weather.

How to operate your heat pump efficiently in winter

- Learn about the defrost cycle. Occasionally, cooler air may come from your air vents. When the outside temperature is below freezing, the heat pump will automatically start operating in reverse to melt any ice that may have formed on the unit. This defrost cycle should be brief and not impact home comfort. The outdoor fan does not run during the defrost cycle and you may hear a whoosh and see a big burst of steam when the system goes out of the defrost cycle. This is normal.
- Check and change the air filter as needed. Because heat pumps operate with longer cycles than furnaces, the air filter can easily become clogged with dust and debris. To ensure the best airflow, change the filter monthly or at the recommended interval suggested by the HVAC contractor. Quite simply, clogged filters can cause high electric bills.
- Keep air registers open. To maintain a balanced system, your home's registers should remain open and unblocked at all times. Check return and supply vents and make sure no furniture, rugs or draperies block them. This promotes more efficient heating and helps you enjoy more even temperatures throughout the home. Blocked return and supply vents can also cause the auxiliary heat to run more frequently as well.
- For more information about heat pumps and winter heating options, go to www.nolinrecc.com.

Operation Round-Up Be a Light Teacher Grants

Operation Round-Up is awarding thirty (30) \$200 grants to teachers in Hardin and LaRue Counties for the 2023-24 school year. The Be a Light teacher grants are a way to honor and thank local educators for the impact they make in our communities everyday.

Winners will be selected through a random drawing from all eligible entries received and will include: Ten (10) K-5th grade teachers, ten (10) 6th-8th grade teachers and ten (10) 9th-12th grade teachers.

Operation Round-Up funds come from the generosity of Nolin RECC members who voluntarily sign up to “round up” their monthly bill to the nearest dollar. If you would like to “round-up,” call our office at 270-765-6153.

For more details and to enter, fill out an application at www.nolinrecc.com or at Nolin RECC’s E’town or Radcliff office. Entries will be accepted September 1-30, 2023. Winners will be notified on or about October 1, 2023.



Nolin RECC rates

In conjunction with the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Kentucky, Nolin RECC has established the following rates for its member-owners. These rates were effective October 1, 2021.

SCHEDULE 1

Residential, Farm, Non-farm, Trailers, and Mobile Homes

Member Cost of Service Charge	\$13.99 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.09184 per kilowatt-hour

SCHEDULE 2

Commercial, Small Power, Single-Phase, and Three-Phase

Member Cost of Service Charge	\$23.83 per month
Energy Charge	\$0.09124 per kilowatt-hour

SCHEDULE 3

Large Power

Member Cost of Service Charge	\$36.26 per month
Demand Charge	\$6.24 per kilowatt of billing demand per month
Energy Charge	\$0.07231 per kilowatt-hour

SCHEDULE 4

Industrial

Member Cost of Service Charge	\$44.03 per month
Demand Charge	\$5.13 per kilowatt of billing demand per month
Energy Charge	\$0.06328 per kilowatt-hour

SCHEDULE 5

Security Light

70-Watt LED	\$9.75 per month
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Commitment to Community

We value the dedication of our local first responders and are committed to their safety. This summer, we provided training for first responders and local officials on our system and how to respond to potentially dangerous situations in the field.



Right, Nolin RECC Manager of Operations Andy Patterson talks about Nolin meters during the training. Photos: Sarah Fellows

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Nolin RECC Crew Leader Ryan Ray demonstrates electrical safety using Nolin's safety trailer.

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.

September 2023: Vertrees Substation, Salt River Road, Sonora Hardin Springs Road, Hay Lane, Powell Road and WC Quiggins Road.



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