



Add lawn tools to spring cleaning to-do list

As you begin spring cleaning, think about adding another item to your to-do list: Clean your lawn tools.

Whether you use a gas-powered or electric lawnmower, weed trimmer or hedge trimmer, they will have been cooped up and unused for months. So, you'll need to do more than knock off the dust.

Lawnmowers and power tools need regular cleaning and maintenance to operate properly. The good news about electric tools is that they are

often easier to take care of than their gas-powered counterparts.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning your specific models. Here are some general tips for keeping your electric tools in top shape:

- Remove the tool's battery before you get started and wear sturdy gloves to protect your hands. NEVER clean a tool with the battery connected.
- Use a dry cloth to wipe down the device and remove cobwebs, dust, loose dirt and dead bugs.
- With a plastic scraper or a bristle brush, scrub off dried mud and grass all over the device, even underneath.
- Damp-clean the machine all over with a wet cloth, but steer clear of the motor. Take extra care around the blade.
- Look for cracks on the casing and determine if the tool is still usable. Check that the handle is tight and sturdy. Inspect the blade for rust.
- Fully charge the tool, replacing the battery if it has gotten damaged over the winter.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



John Owens—Nolin RECC Dispatcher, 2 years of service



Tyler Sayers—Nolin RECC Dispatcher, 2 years of service. Photos: Sarah Fellows

Operation Round-Up spotlight: Family Scholar House

One of the 2023 Operation Round-Up Community Impact grant recipients was Family Scholar House.

The mission of Family Scholar House is to “end the cycle of poverty and transform our community by empowering families and youth to succeed in education and achieve life-long self-sufficiency.” They do this by offering a wide range of services to disadvantaged students who face barriers pursuing their education.

The program started in 1995 in Louisville and has expanded to serve other communities in Kentucky, in



Services for disadvantaged students offered by Family Scholar House include a food/toiletries pantry and clothes closet on ECTC's campus. Photos: Sarah Fellows

Community Impact Grant applications are being accepted through May 1! Find more details at www.nolinrecc.com.



the region and across the country. Locally, Family Scholar House partners with Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and provides students with coaching, advocacy, food and clothing, as well as assistance with anything from technology access to coursework support.

Another way they offer support is through an emergency fund for unexpected expenses a student might encounter, like a car repair or medical bill, which present a barrier to continuing their education.

“These emergency funds are so important,” says Sarah Brady, vice president for workforce development. “In most cases, it is not the coursework that stops someone (from continuing their education), it’s truly life that gets in the way. For some individuals, a \$200 emergency can be a brick wall and can derail their education or career path, so if we can help them overcome that barrier, they are much more likely to be successful.”

The Family Scholar House based on ECTC’s Elizabethtown campus provided resources for 1,023 students in the Lincoln Trail area in 2023.

Family Scholar House has recently announced the addition of a 48-unit residential facility that will be located on ECTC’s campus for student parents with housing insecurity. Find details at elizabethtown.kctcs.edu.

Commitment to community and education

Nolin RECC recently hosted its spring Member Advisory Council meeting at the Hardin County Extension Office. Over 220 attended, including members and their families and Nolin directors and employees. The spring MAC meeting is an important

way to communicate with our members as well as begin the director election process each year.

For the second year, we invited local high school and continuing education scholarship applicants to be present for a random drawing to determine Nolin's

scholarship recipients. The recipient of the Bob Wade Sr. Memorial Scholarship had been chosen by the scholarship selection committee prior to the meeting and was announced that night as well. See below for all 2024 scholarship recipients.



Central Hardin High School senior Sophia Stover was selected to receive the Bob Wade Sr. Memorial Scholarship based on her academic achievement as well as her community and cooperative involvement. She is pictured receiving her award letter from Nolin RECC Board Chair David Brown.



Eligible high school seniors who submitted a scholarship application and were present at the MAC meeting were placed into a drawing for one of six \$1,500 scholarships. Those selected randomly at the meeting were, from left, Olivia Paulsen (Elizabethtown High School), Kelsey Adkins (North Hardin High School), Erin Riney (Central Hardin High School), Olivia Medley (Elizabethtown High School), Catherine Brown (Central Hardin High School) and Dawson Brown (Central Hardin High School). Photos: Sarah Fellows



Eligible members (21 and over) pursuing a continuing education who submitted a scholarship application and were present at the MAC meeting were placed into a drawing for one \$1,500 scholarship. The member selected randomly at the meeting was local educator Adam Cobb (shown receiving his award letter from David Brown).

Frankfort Youth Tour

Seven high school juniors from the Nolin service area, along with students from around the commonwealth, attended the Frankfort Youth Tour coordinated by Kentucky Electric Cooperatives. Pictured, from front left, are Dymon Hilton, Heaven Carpenter, Celia Keith and Anna Sumrall. From back left are Grant Shearer, Benjamin Craig and Sam Teipen.

Photo: Tim Webb





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Beware of scams

Scams are an unfortunate reality of life, but they seem to be popping up around our area more frequently this spring. They each differ in details, but there are some more common characteristics that can help you spot a scam and avoid falling victim:

- You receive an unexpected contact (text, email, call, person at the door).
- They tell you something is wrong or requires your urgent attention. Often there is a short window in which you need to address the issue.
- It directly or indirectly involves money.
- They will ask that you share personal or account information with them or purchase a gift card to resolve the issue.
- They may get aggressive if you question or delay them, sometimes threatening collection or arrest.

Protect yourself and educate your loved ones about common red flags. It is always safest to discontinue communication without giving any information or clicking links. If you have a question about any account, it is safest to contact the business in a way you know is legitimate.



BACKCOUNTRY MEDIA/ADBE STOCK

Meter testing

We do regular checks of a sampling of equipment across our service area to make sure everything is running smoothly. This spring, you may see crews from Luthan

Electric Meter Testing on your property. They will have identification and a letter from Nolin with them. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (270) 765-6153.



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Right-of-way work schedule

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

April 2024:

Wide Open Utility Service—Vertrees Substation, Hardinsburg Road, Howe Valley Road, Shipley Road and Salt River Road.

Contract crews—Radcliff Substation, Hill Street, W. Lincoln Trail Boulevard, Redbud Circle and Spruce Court.

Free unprocessed wood chips are available. Call (270) 600-2714 for details.