

# Supporting young leaders

## Nolin RECC sponsors students on Washington Youth Tour

olin RECC sponsored five rising seniors on the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives Washington Youth Tour, a program that enriches students' understanding of American history and civic engagement while investing in our community's young leaders.

Anna Sumrall and Grant Shearer from Elizabethtown High School, Heaven Carpenter and Regan Raifsnider from Central Hardin High School and Samuel Teipen, who is homeschooled, were part of the 56-member student delegation from Kentucky. They joined more than 1,800 other students from electric cooperatives across the country. As part of the all-expenses-paid trip, students visited national memorials, museums and historic sites like Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, George Washington's Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery, where Kentucky's delegation laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Anna Sumrall shared her thoughts about the Washington Youth Tour:

"The entire ride to D.C., I had the old Schoolhouse Rock song, 'I'm just a bill,' stuck in my head. I've always loved that song—it's fun and remarkably catchy. The song fails in comparison to actually being here, walking up the steps of the Capitol, simply being in the rotunda. When you stand there, there is a wash of feelings. Part of you feels small standing inside such fantastic buildings. But more than that, I felt empowered. This



is where it happens—where the sad bill from the song becomes reality.

"As a student with a deep interest in civics and government, I found that no experience compares with being in D.C. No lecture or documentary can measure up to hearing our leaders speak about their jobs—and envisioning the day when you're in their shoes. Throughout Washington Youth Tour, I met teenagers from dozens of states and countless walks of life. Sure, it was fun to trade pins, but it was more than that. I think back to the lyrics of that catchy tune, "I'm Just a Bill." Just. I hear that word a

lot. "I'm just a teenager." "I'm just a kid from small town Kentucky; I can't even vote." I disagree. The people I met aren't just students. We aren't insignificant. We are the future leaders of America."

Kentucky's co-ops have sent rising high school seniors on the Washington Youth Tour since 1972. "We are investing in our community's future leaders by equipping them with experiences that will inspire their growth and ignite their passion for making a positive impact in our community, state and nation," says Greg Lee, CEO of Nolin RECC.

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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Andrew Hunt—Line Locator, Wide Open Utility Service. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Kyle Vigneau—Crew Leader, Wide Open Utility Service. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Our office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

# **Get ready for winter**

# Learn how to operate your heat pump efficiently when temperatures drop

- 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 your 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.
- Learn when-and when not-to have your thermostat in emergency heat or auxiliary mode. There may be times during the winter that switching your thermostat to emergency or auxiliary heat mode is recommended by HVAC professionals, but keeping it there long term can drive up your bill. In emergency heat/auxiliary mode, your heat pump is operating like an electric furnace which uses significantly more electricity than normal heat mode. If you switch your HVAC into emergency/auxiliary mode, be sure to switch it back to normal heat mode as soon as possible. It may be helpful to set yourself a reminder.

Find more information about heat pumps and winter heating options at www.nolinrecc.com.



National Voter Registration Day is September 17—don't miss your chance to use your voice! Find details at www.govote.ky.gov or stop by your county clerk's office.



# **Nolin RECC rates**

In conjunction with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 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

Find easy DIY tips to save energy and save money this winter at www.nolinrecc.com/energy-savings.





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# View from the office



Nolin Apprentice Line Technician Jacob Hart shares his view on the job in Hardin County.



Nolin Operations Intern Noah Pence captured a peaceful moment on a hot day as his crew worked in a creek bottom in LaRue County this summer.



# Right-of-way work schedule

n 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 2024: Tharp #1 Substation, St. John Road, Cecilia Road, Kitty Hawk Drive, Franklin Lane, Kelly Lane and Corvin Lane.

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