

NOLIN News



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News you can use

How will we power our future?

Right now, there are a lot of “what-ifs” surrounding electric power. As a nation, we need to add more generating resources to meet growing electric consumption.

As your local provider of safe, affordable, and reliable power, it’s our job to make smart, long-term energy decisions that will benefit you and the communities we serve for decades to come. But today those decisions are mixed up with politics like never before. Every question of supplying power is being impacted by the debate surrounding how best to meet climate change goals. Policy limiting carbon dioxide emissions is becoming more likely, although specifics are still up in the air.

Massive investments in new technology will soon be required to find a balance in meeting both our energy and climate change goals. The Electric Power Research Institute estimates it will take a research investment of \$1.4 billion a year from now until 2030 to develop new technology such as carbon capture and storage for our power plants.

Once we add this advanced technology to the equation, we can develop power plants that burn coal and isolate carbon dioxide emissions. The gas can then be compressed and pumped for permanent storage deep underground. Many experts believe that with the right financial commitment from the federal government, cost-effective carbon capture and storage technology could become commercially available around 2020.

But this is just one potential piece of the puzzle, and until our elected officials agree to increase the necessary funding, uncertainty remains.

Electric cooperatives across the nation (including Nolin RECC) have launched a national grassroots campaign, “Our Energy, Our Future: A Dialogue With America.” We must all start communicating with elected officials—we must voice our concerns and ask some serious questions. A basic but critical question for our elected representatives in Washington: What are they doing to make sure we’ll have the power we need in the future?

Finding the funding for carbon capture and other technical innovations will require another type of technology: leadership. As the election season approaches, our policy and political leaders will be paying special attention to matters at the top of our minds. This is an ideal time to let your elected representatives know how you feel about the importance of planning now for a future that provides safe, affordable, and reliable electricity.

A list of our elected officials is printed on the following page. Contact them with a letter, a phone call, a fax, or an e-mail; just let them know you want to talk about our energy issues and you want some answers. Or if you wish, go to www.ourenergy.coop and plug in your address. There you’ll be able to direct a series of questions to your representatives in Washington.

For more background on this national campaign, see the Guest Opinion, “A question of energy,” on page 14.

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Mickey Miller, President & CEO of Nolin RECC, discusses energy challenges with Kentucky House Representative Tim Moore during the Nolin RECC annual meeting June 13.

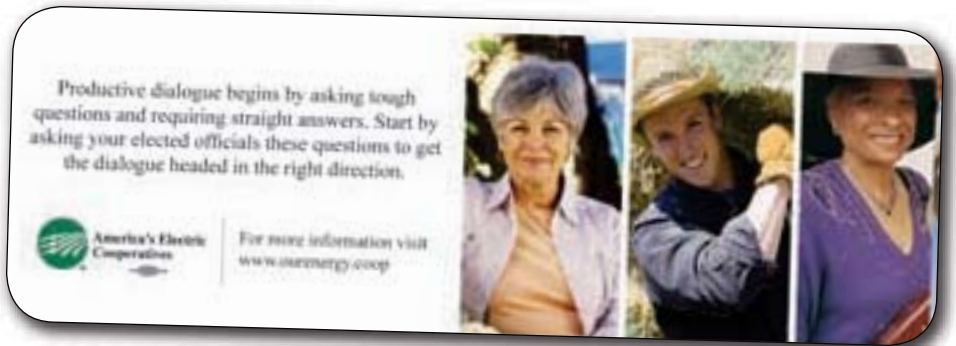
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In partnership with the federal government, electric cooperatives met the greatest engineering challenge of the 20th century—spreading the benefits of electric power to the most remote corners of our nation. As we strive to meet the energy needs of a new century, we call on government to join with us once again to ensure that all Americans continue to enjoy safe, affordable, and reliable electric power.

Here are some questions that you can start asking elected officials.



What are you doing to fully fund the research required to make emissions-free electric plants an affordable reality? How much is this going to cost me?

Experts say that our nation's growing electricity needs will soon go well beyond what renewables, conservation, and efficiency can provide. What is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we'll need in the future? How much is this going to cost me?

Balancing America's electricity needs and your environmental goals will be difficult. How much is all this going to cost me? What will you do to make it affordable?

Your Federal Legislators

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United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510-1703

The Honorable Ron Lewis
House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515-1702

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Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America



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A Day at the Capitol

Thirteen local high school juniors traveled to Frankfort on April 17, as part of their participation in the annual Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour contest activities.

While in Frankfort, the group toured the Capitol Building and the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Lunch was provided at the Kentucky History Center and students heard from various speakers, including Mr. Todd Leatherman, executive director for the Office of Consumer Protection; Ms. Geri Johnson, outreach coordinator for Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; The Honorable Rick Rand, state representative (House District #47); and The Honorable Sara Combs, chief judge for Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Based on a personal interview, essay, and test, five students were awarded an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., on June 13-20. Those students are Olivia Dvorjak, Casey Goodson, Veronica Helm, Molly Proffitt, and Ariel Waldeck.

Nolin continues to stress higher education and is dedicated to the growth and development of youth. We stay active in our communities and schools by sponsoring programs like college scholarships, electrical safety classes, and business and economics seminars. The Washington Youth Tour is just one program that allows us to help local teens experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



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While touring the House of Representatives at the Capitol Building, Ariel Waldeck (left) and Casey Goodson stop to pose for a picture at the seat of Representative Jimmie Lee.



The 2008 Frankfort Youth Tour participants are: (left to right) Makenzie Feiler, Ryan Wethington, Courtney Cheatwood, Clayton Graham, Molly Proffitt, Olivia Dvorjak, Magen Wilson, Veronica Helm, Xzavier Wilson, Cassandra Best, Cameron Meyers, Casey Goodson, and Ariel Waldeck. Keanna English also participated in the competition but was unable to make the trip to Frankfort.



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After 70 Years...We've Got Reason to Celebrate

Nolin RECC Celebrates 70 Years of Service to our Members and Community

Just imagine how it was 70 years ago without the luxury of electricity in rural Hardin, LaRue, and other surrounding counties. There were no electric pumps to provide running water, no electric lights for homes or farm buildings, no electric refrigerators, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers or other appliances we take for granted today.

Nolin was granted a charter to form a rural electric cooperative on July 20, 1938. Just one year later, your cooperative was serving 588 members throughout 198 miles of electric lines. In 1957, Nolin membership increased to 5,252, and by 1987 the number grew to 18,466. Today, Nolin RECC has more than 30,000 members and serves nearly 3,000 miles of line in nine counties.

We would like to take you back in time to reflect on the life of Nolin RECC member Bob Owsley. The day in February 1939 when electricity came to the Owsley farm was also the day they lost a dear neighbor, so for the Owsley family it was a time of great sadness mixed with great anticipation. Bob wrote the following story to remember the day and to tell us how electricity and Nolin RECC have changed his way of living.

Bob Owsley is greeted by Nolin RECC Vice President of Marketing & Member Services Rick Ryan as the two reflect on the cooperative's 70th anniversary.

Nolin RECC member Bob Owsley was age 7 the day his home was energized with electricity. He writes about some of his early memories and how electricity changed his life.



What a Joy

By Bob Owsley



Nolin RECC has come to the Owsley farm near Rineyville, Kentucky. The date is February 1939.

Two things happened on that day: the electricity was installed on our farm and our dear neighbor committed suicide nearby.

There was some difficulty in acquiring right-of-way for the poles and lines needed. My parents, Bryan and Virginia Owsley, were much in favor of having electricity on our farm and recognized the need to give permission to have additional poles put on our farm to help others have electricity also.

I recall that the house was wired and fixtures were installed. In 1939, the need for plug-ins and lights was a lower priority than the years to come later. Our living room received a hanging fixture and the dining room also. Each bedroom had a small fixture with two 35-watt bulbs and one double plug-in. The kitchen also had a ceiling fixture and two plug-ins—all sufficient for that time.

The old wood burning cook stove in the kitchen was later disposed of and replaced with a modern stove. A 6.3 cubic foot Coldspot refrigerator was such a wonderful extravagance. After those early years, an electric mixer, iron skillet, toaster, radio, and many other items were acquired. Finally, other plug-ins were installed for an electric washer. A deep well was drilled outside and an electric pump was needed.

One day in about 1942 our tractor needed repairs. David L. Willmoth (Mayor Willmoth's father) sent his ace mechanic, Tuck Tucker, one evening to repair it. Having no plug-ins outside for his extension cord light, we pulled the old Allis-Chalmers tractor to the back kitchen window and ran his plug into the plug-in inside for him to work.

In 1943 we wired our dairy barn for lights and for a new milking machine. This electricity allowed this young kid a chance to take over for his big brother, David, who went to war in the U.S. Merchant Marines. Boy, 4:00 AM came early, and the electric lights had replaced the two kerosene lanterns and supplied power for our new Sears and Roebuck electric milking machines. This was a great boon to our farm. I knew David was a great worker, but hardly what an 11-year-old would have to do in trying to help fill his absence.

When a new barn was constructed in 1949, we were able to update our dairy. We had a milk house with an electric milk cooler included and it was attached to the milk barn. What an invention this electricity was...and to think it was so inexpensive for us to use. Of course we now use more than the original \$3.00 minimum bill each month, which does so much for each of us today. My mother received a used barber's clippers to cut the family's hair. My sisters, Betty and Sue, had an electric curling iron for their hair.

The Nolin Rural Electrification Association was in business early to provide this great service out in the county where companies doing business for a profit might by necessity stay in the more closely populated areas.

The local co-ops (Nolin REA) were staffed by managers, employees, and directors. One of the early directors for our part of the community was Mr. Earl Templeman, also associated with the Cecilian Bank. Mr. Templeman served the cooperative for 33 years during the infancy of Nolin REA. By the way, Mr. Templeman also served the Cecilian Bank for 72 years up to his death in 1991.

The present-day co-op is known as RECC (instead of REA) and is composed of a very capable manager, Mickey Miller, his employees, and directors.

I appreciate their service in keeping the lights on for us. Yet that is not the only thing I thank them for. In Cecilia community/township, they are kind enough to use their bucket truck to hang and take down our lighted snowflakes each year as a service to their public.

We have been blessed to have this organization to allow many people to have electric power in this County of Hardin and other areas.

Thank you Nolin RECC, may your cooperative continue to provide electric power for our televisions, computers, air conditioners, our microwaves, and all the other "necessities"—we would be lost without you!

*Your friend,
Bob Owsley
Cecilia, KY*

Charity Ride '08

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives



CHARITY MOTORCYCLE RUN IX

Saturday, August 23, 2008

EAST LEG

Start:

South Kentucky RECC
2405 N. Main St.
Jamestown, KY 42629
270-866-3439

WEST LEG

Start:

Warren RECC
Buck Jenkins Service Center
313 Commerce St.
Bowling Green, KY 42101
270-782-5985

EAST/WEST FINISH:

Central Hardin High School, Elizabethtown, Ky.

REGISTRATION: 9:30 - 11 a.m. CST

ENTRY FEES: Bike and rider: \$10
Co-rider: \$5
Extra hand: \$5
Extra card: \$1

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 50/50 raffle on EACH leg
- Cash awards for qualifying hands and distances ridden
- Cash door prizes

Benefiting **WHAS Crusade for Children*

For more information, contact **Frank Owen Brockman**, Farmers RECC, at 800-253-2191 or fbrockman@farmersrecc.com.

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Electricity...A Real Bargain!!!



For the cost of one tank of gas, electricity can keep your life powered for two weeks.

A Nolin RECC member consuming 1,200 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month is powering his or her home for only \$4.21 a day. That's less than the average meal at your favorite fast food restaurant. Many factors contribute to higher energy costs, but Nolin RECC works to offer affordable, reliable service. Our goal is to keep your rates as low as possible, while delivering energy that you can count on to be good for all aspects of your life—including your budget.

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Theme Park **discount** tickets

Nolin RECC members can save money by purchasing theme park tickets at discount prices. Parks include Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom and Holiday World. Discount tickets may be purchased at the cooperative offices in Elizabethtown and Radcliff during normal business hours.



Adult (one day)
Child under 48" (one day)
Children under 4 are FREE

Nolin Discount Price **Regular Price**

\$21.00 \$39.99
\$21.00 \$24.99

Six Flags discount tickets are not valid during the Kentucky State Fair. This opportunity is available only to members of Nolin RECC.



Adult (one day)
Child under 54"/Senior (one day)
Children under 3 are FREE

\$33.50 \$39.95
\$28.50 \$29.95

Admission to park includes free soft drinks while in the park. This opportunity is available only to members of Nolin RECC.

Swimming Pools And Power Lines: A Dangerous Combination

Most people installing a swimming pool think about price and quality—not the overhead and underground power lines. PLEASE, before you even begin to think about location, consider the safety of your family and friends. Power lines directly over pools are not allowed by Nolin RECC, and all other overhead lines must be no less than 15 feet from the inner edge of the pool. Underground wiring shall not be located under the pool or under the area extending 5 feet horizontally from the inside wall of the pool. We must all abide by the rules and regulations of the National Electric Safety Code. Members are responsible for relocating pools not in compliance with safety codes.

The best advice we can give you about pools is to call the Nolin RECC office before selecting a pool site. A swimming pool located too close to an electric line can result in potentially hazardous situations involving shock or even electrocution.



HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR AND HORSE SHOW

Nolin RECC Member Discount: Opening Night Only—Monday, July 7

Demolition Derby: 7:30 p.m. • Miss Hardin County Fair Pageant: 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hardin County Fair Pageant • Rides provided by Meyers International Midway

\$1.00 OFF REGULAR ADMISSION PRICE OF \$8.00

Opening Night Only • Limit one coupon per member • Additional fair coupons are available at the Nolin office



We've Got Your \$25 Number! \$25

WIN \$25 Worth of FREE Electricity

Nolin News features a contest called "We've Got Your Number." Somewhere hidden inside this issue are four* randomly selected member account numbers. If you spot your account number, contact the Member Services Department at 765-6153, and win a \$25 CREDIT on your electric bill. You must identify your number and call by the 15th day of the month's issue containing your number. Account numbers could be anywhere in our Nolin News insert!

*There are four numbers this month because we did not run any in our annual report last month.

New Member Credits

All members signing up for new service with Nolin receive a short survey. Members who return the completed survey to Nolin are automatically eligible to win a \$20 credit on their electric bill. Each month, one name is drawn and a lucky Nolin member receives a bill credit on their next statement. Congratulations to our latest winner, **Drucilla L. Cross, of Radcliff.**

E-mail payments

Access your Nolin RECC account through our Web site at www.nolinrecc.com. Click on "MyAccount" to check your consumption history and to make payments by check, debit card, or credit card. To apply for budget billing and automatic draft on line, click on "Nolin @ Home."

GRILLS!

SPECIAL JULY SALE

ALL grills 10% OFF!

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For the month of July, all electric grills are 10% off the regular price.

We will be glad to assemble the grills for our customers with a 48-hour notice.

Stop by the Nolin RECC office in Elizabethtown to make your purchase. Visa and MasterCard accepted.



Come in and get your grill today!

Two sizes available!



The offices of Nolin RECC will be closed **Friday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day

HOW TO REACH NOLIN RECC

ELIZABETHTOWN OFFICE

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