

RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

NEWS

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



The power of human connections

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From the President & CEO

Change that can make a difference

If you attended the Nolin RECC annual meeting last month, you may have heard about a new and exciting program for Nolin RECC members. The program is called “Operation Round-Up®” (ORU) and it allows members to contribute quarters, dimes, nickels, and even pennies into a special account that is used to help worthy causes and individuals in our community. This is your opportunity to make a big difference in your community by contributing in a small way.

Cooperatives have always been proud of their unique relationship with the communities they serve. We feel a sense of responsibility to the people in our service area – not just to the Nolin RECC members – our responsibility has always been to the entire communities we serve. Now, as a Nolin member, you too can have an opportunity to make a difference in your community.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

ORU allows members to “round up” their electric bills to the next highest whole dollar, with the extra change dedicated to charitable causes. For example, a bill amount of \$95.48 would be rounded up by 52 cents for a total due of \$96. The additional 52

cents would be the member’s ORU donation for that month. Though a donation of less than a dollar may not sound like much, this “small change” given on a regular basis can amount to big support for our local communities.

The program operates through a nonprofit board of directors made up of local citizens. The board reviews applications for community projects and makes decisions on when, where, and how to utilize funds. Donations may support school programs, humanitarian groups, nonprofit organizations, rescue squads, fire departments, and other deserving causes within Nolin’s nine-county service area.

Giving just a little change each month may seem like a tiny contribution to one person, but multiply your change times some 30,000 Nolin members and that turns into a big difference for our community.

TOGETHER, WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

What is most rewarding about the concept of ORU is that it is an extension of the cooperative principles and values that were formed back in 1938 – the formation of rural electric cooperatives and the idea of neighbors helping neighbors. Just as our co-op pioneers joined together to build their own electric systems when private

power companies refused to serve rural areas, ORU helps co-op members reach out to worthy causes in their communities and work together to help others. Your reward is the proud feeling you get in knowing that you helped to make a difference in your community.

Are you a member of Nolin that would like to get involved in this voluntary program? If so, call us at (270) 765-6153 or sign and return the enrollment form on your electric bill statement. Members may also sign up online at www.nolinrecc.com.



Mickey Miller
President & CEO

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HOME SWEET HOME

Touchstone Energy Home offers comfort, quality, and savings

Building a new home is an exciting adventure, and a serious investment. The decisions you make now will affect your quality of living for years down the road.

The real cost of owning a home isn't what you pay up front, but what you pay each month to operate your home. We want to help you drastically cut those costs, improve your level of comfort, and give you a better return on your investment.

The Touchstone Energy Home offers insulation and equipment standards that guarantee savings, comfort, and an increased market value.

With our home, choosing savings doesn't mean sacrificing comfort. Energy-efficient construction means reduced drafts, stable indoor temperatures, and limited noise from the outside.

If quiet comfort isn't enough, your annual energy bill could be reduced

by as much as 30 percent.

Every year you live there, you'll save on energy costs, and when you decide to sell, your energy-efficient home will be worth thousands of dollars more.

As an added bonus, the Touchstone Energy Home is a friend to the environment because it reduces the demand for energy.

When we designed our Touchstone Energy home, we researched every detail of energy-efficient construction and came up with a set of standards that will fit any home design.

Our energy experts will be involved every step of the way, ensuring your home meets your needs and saves you money.

No two Touchstone Energy Homes are exactly the same, but all have several common features:

- Quality insulation
- Reduced air infiltration
- Controlled ventilation
- Highly efficient heating and cooling

Before your home is certified as a Touchstone Energy Home, it must pass a test that measures the total airflow rate through all openings in the house. Many times, the test will show minor improvements the builder could make to ensure the home's complete energy efficiency.

Stop by our offices today and pick up your copy of our Touchstone Energy Home specifications booklet.

Nolin RECC is proud to offer Touchstone Energy Living... making Home Sweet Home a little sweeter.



- Up to 30 percent energy savings on your energy bill every month
- Stable temperatures
- Better indoor humidity control
- Reduced drafts
- Environmentally friendly
- Increased property value
- Quiet and comfortable

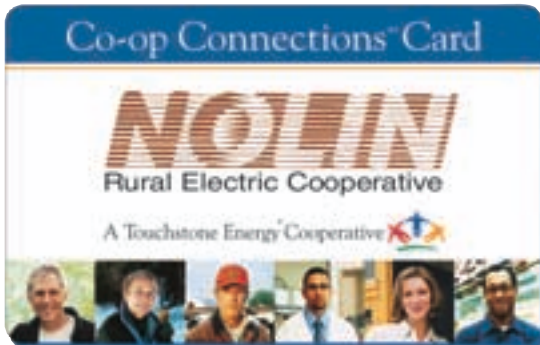
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Nolin RECC offers a rebate on the construction of a Touchstone Energy Home using geothermal or high efficiency heating and cooling. Contact us at (270) 765-6153 for details.

Nolin RECC saves members \$\$\$ with Co-op Connections Card local discounts

Being a member of Nolin RECC has its advantages. One example is the cost savings provided by your Co-op Connections Card. Simply present it at participating local, state, and national businesses and enjoy savings and discounts.



These are the newest businesses that have agreed to honor the Nolin RECC Co-op Connections Card:

**Climate Control of Kentucky
Cold Mountain Frozen Custard
E-town Swim and Fitness Center**

**For a complete list of businesses,
call the Nolin RECC office.**

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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 to relocate 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.



Save Money at the Hardin County Community Fair and Horse Show

HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR AND HORSE SHOW

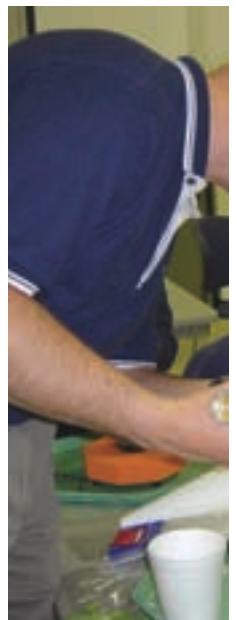
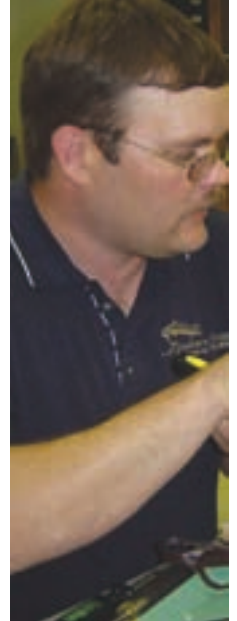
Nolin RECC Member Discount: Opening Night Only—Monday, July 10, 2006

**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 \$7.00

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

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▲ 4-H students Marko Gittens, Ash Byers, Will Byers, Keith Reesor, Jeffery Allen, Landon Wilcox, Walton Grider, and Mike Hofstra were very proud of the plastic soda bottle lamps they made during the 4-H Electric Workshop and several plan to enter them in the Hardin County Fair in July.

◀ Marko Gittens Sr. helps his son, Marko, with the finishing touches on his lamp.

**Story and photos
by Patsy Whitehead**

ringing light

4-H Project



◀ Twelve-year-old Will Byers receives a helping hand from instructor Todd Drake.

Phillip Reesor of Cecilia and his son, Keith, made their lamp together. The senior Reesor is a 4-H leader and stuck around to share some quality time with his 10-year-old son. Young Keith is especially interested in how electricity works since he says he wants to be an electrician. ▼



▲ Jason Mattingly helps Ash Byers by holding his lamp base steady as Ash pushes the electric cord through.



Basic electricity may seem like child's play to some, but during a recent Hardin County 4-H class, students were very serious about learning how electricity works. Nolin RECC employees Todd Drake and Jason Mattingly shared their knowledge of electricity with the youth. The teaching duo delivered three 1-1/2-hour classes to the students at the Cooperative Extension Office in Elizabethtown.

The first night of classes focused on electrical safety and learning about different types of circuits and where they are used in the home. Day two consisted of teaching energy conservation to the 4-H students. The youth, ranging in ages 9–12, learned how to calculate energy usage and figure kilowatt-hours. They also had a lesson on power plants and how they operate.

The grand finale was day three when each student made a lamp by using their favorite plastic soda pop bottle.

The boys painted a wooden lamp base and then drilled a hole in the bottom of the bottle and through the cap. The students funneled colored rocks in the bottles for weight. Then, they inserted a hollow rod through the bottle and ran an electric cord through the base. The boys attached the cord to the lamp socket and then to the rod securing the bottle to the base. The final step was to insert a 14-watt compact fluorescent bulb in the socket and place the shade on the lamp.

Bonnie Jolly, 4-H Youth Development agent, says she tries to have at least one project a month for her students in the winter, but during spring and summer, she schedules classes as often as possible. "The youth really enjoyed learning about electricity and the Nolin staff did an excellent job communicating with the various age levels in the class," said Bonnie. ■

High tech, high yields, focus of Farm Expo

R2-D2 in overalls? Perhaps not. But Bob Wade Jr. does envision

by John Friedlein

some type of robotic future for agriculture — as soon as 20 years from now.

In a way, though, this future is already here. Wade runs a sprayer that basically guides itself with information beamed down from satellites. This cuts down on waste and saves him thousands of dollars a year.

Technology such as this will be the theme of the 2006 Central Kentucky Farm Expo on Aug. 31 at Wade's Sonora farm. Besides guidance systems, other topics will include grain-based fuel and biotechnology.

In fact, one of the most renowned representatives of the biotech industry will be the featured speaker at the expo. Tom West, vice president of biotech affairs and business support for Pioneer, will discuss not only what farmers can expect from new products, but also what consumers will find on grocery store shelves. For instance, new technology will help extend the shelf life of products and protect them from mold.

He will also discuss polymer products being made from corn, thus reducing America's dependence on foreign oil.

"He has a very good vision for where biotechnology is going," said Hardin County Extension agent Rod Grusy.

Area farmers have a good vision too. They are adopting these technologies faster than in other parts of the state.

This edge is important at a time when growers must be competitive to make a decent profit.

Wade, for instance, saves \$9,000 a year on herbicides because the guidance system

on his sprayer keeps it from overlapping applications. "And it's more environmentally friendly," he said.

But before rushing out to buy the latest gadget, farmers need to be informed. In doing so, they should have two objectives, Grusy said. First, learn what's out there, a difficult task in the fast-developing market. Second, learn about the research.

The Expo will give them the opportunity to do both. Plus, they'll get a free beef dinner.

School children will also learn about modern farming during the event, which will include wagon tours and educational exhibits.



Kenny Brown (left) and Jerry French, both ▲ of Nolin RECC, present an electrical safety demonstration at the Kids Farm Expo '04. Nolin RECC will be presenting electrical safety demonstrations at the Central Kentucky Farm Expo.

"Regardless of your age or whether you live in the city or country, you will find this field day to be a worthy educational experience," according to Grusy. "Why? We all depend on agriculture for an affordable and safe food supply." ■

COUNTY CORN & SOYBEAN VARIETY TRIALS

AGRONOMY TOURS

- Soybean Seeding Rates
- Soybean Rust Update
- Soybean Foliar Fertilizer Application Research
- Managing Wireworms in Corn
- Corn Research—Variable Rate Seeding and Grain-Based Fuel Alternatives

DEMONSTRATIONS

- Autosteer Technology
- Variable Rate Technology for Manure Application
- Grain Bin Safety/ATV Safety on the Farm
- Electrical Safety Demonstration
- Light Bar Technology Demonstrated

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1:30 p.m.Registration Opens
- 2:00 p.m.Wagon Tours
- 2-6:00 p.m. Technology Exhibits
- 6:00 p.m.Dinner & Program

DINNER AND PROGRAM

- Complimentary dinner prepared by: Hardin County Cattlemen's Association
- Homemade pie dessert provided by: Hardin County Homemakers Association

****PROGRAM SPEAKER****

"Technologies for the Future"
Tom West, Pioneer vice president of biotech affairs and business support

HOW TO GET THERE From Elizabethtown

Travel South on I-65 and take Sonora Exit (Exit 81). Turn right on Highway 84 and travel west on 84 and cross the railroad track in Sonora. Highway 84 turns right (do not turn). Proceed straight ahead on Horseshoe Bend Road to the Wade farm, approximately 1 mile from Creekside Elementary School. The farm is on the right (watch for "Back Forty Farm" sign at entrance). Signs will direct you on the day of the Expo.

Jim Sallee retires

On May 1, 1970, Jim Sallee began working at Nolin RECC. He was 26 years old and was excited to be employed at the co-op as a line crew worker. "Back in those days, I reported to Bob Jennings and worked with Charlie Nichols (both retired now)," said Jim. "I was hired in at \$2 an hour and Nolin just had one bucket truck—we all put in a hard day of work for the co-op." Jim continued to work hard for the Nolin members throughout his 36-year tenure at Nolin, and now he joins some of his former co-workers from time to time to share stories and reminisce about the days they worked together at the local electric co-op.

Jim and his wife of 42 years, Dixie, live in Elizabethtown.

They have four children, Natalie, Ray, Russell, and Guy (ranging from age 30 to 41). Jim and Dixie spend a good deal of time with their 10 grandchildren. Jim says he also stays busy working around the house and tries to stay as active as possible.

Since retiring a few months ago, Jim enjoys each day to the fullest. "This is the life," he said.

Congratulations to Jim Sallee and his family on a well-deserved retirement!



2006 Theme Park Tickets

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



	Nolin Discount Price	Regular Price
Adult (one day)	\$24.00	\$39.99
Child under 48" (one day)	\$24.00	\$24.99
Children under 4 are FREE		

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



	Nolin Discount Price	Regular Price
Adult (one day)	\$30.50	\$36.95
Child under 54"/Senior (one day)	\$27.50	\$28.95
Children under 3 are FREE		

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



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

\$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 \$15 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, Alfred R. Blanchard of Sonora.**

E-mail payments

Access your Nolin RECC account through our Web site at www.nolinrecc.com. Click on "My Account" 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!

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

We will be glad to assemble the grills for our customers with a 24-hour notice.

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



Come in and get your grill today!

**Two sizes
available!**



The offices of Nolin RECC will be closed
Tuesday, July 4, 2006
in observance of Independence Day

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