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Featured above: Nolin RECC Administrative Assistant (for Ft. Knox)
Marie Griffith, 18 years of service

News you can use

Co-op America Celebrating a do-it-yourself spirit that built a nation

When Benjamin Franklin signed the Declaration of Independence, he is credited with saying, “We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately.” That recognition of the need to work together may also be why Franklin, in 1752, founded the first successful cooperative in the United States, the Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire, which still operates today.

The principles behind the Declaration of Independence that form the basis of American democracy also form the basis of cooperatives. A cooperative is owned and democratically controlled by the people who use its services. Each member has one vote regardless of their stake; that is, some members cannot

buy more control than anyone else. This principle of equality is unique to cooperatives. Investor-owned businesses allow only shareholders a vote in how the business is run; and even among shareholders, some have more votes than others depending on their shares of stock.

The Declaration of Independence declared the equality of rights of its citizens and that people had the right to organize to secure their futures when their rights were infringed upon. At the time the Declaration was written, democracy was a pretty untested idea — but the founders of our country were determined to make it work.

So when you celebrate the many liberties and rights we enjoy with our families and friends this year, think about those principles that inspired our Founding Fathers. They also inspired the pioneers who established electric cooperatives—folks who were determined to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power to secure the futures of rural communities.

Nolin has always operated under the principles of democracy, and we are dedicated to fulfilling that promise as we serve members today and in the future.

That’s worth celebrating.



Mickey Miller
President & CEO



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Members Receive FREE CFLs at Annual Meeting



If you haven't already done so, now is the perfect time to begin replacing your standard incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. Especially for members who attended last month's Nolin membership meeting – CFLs were given to registering members along with the traditional 10-quart bucket.

The initial investment of replacing your bulbs is well worth the savings you receive. The compact fluorescent bulbs last up to six times longer than standard bulbs and you save 75% on energy usage every time you turn on the light. By replacing just 25 percent of your lights in high-use areas with CFLs, you can save 50 percent of your lighting energy bill.

All of these buckets contain two FREE CFLs for registering members at the annual meeting.

Are your CFLs burning out too fast?

If you are having problems with your CFLs burning out faster than expected, it may be you are buying the wrong kind. Normal CFLs aren't designed for use with dimmers. They don't last as long if you use them in enclosed areas or in rooms with excessive heat, vibration, or fluctuations in power. With normal use, CFLs typically last for 10,000 hours.

Here are some CFL tips:

- Before you buy a bulb for a dimmer or another special use, check its label to learn if it's made for that specific purpose. Not all CFLs work in dimmers, motion sensors, or three-way sockets.
- Buy the right size bulb for the fixture. Using a larger bulb or one that burns brighter than recommended for a lamp or ceiling can cause the bulb to overheat and burn out prematurely.
- Avoid placing CFLs in enclosed indoor fixtures. The lack of air circulation and increased heat can reduce its life.
- Choose a special, more durable CFL for use in an overhead fan light—one that can withstand the vibration.
- If you're using CFLs outdoors, find bulbs designed for exterior use, and check the package to learn if the bulbs can tolerate cold temperatures.
- Turning a CFL on and off frequently can shorten its life. Try to leave the CFL on for at least 15 minutes at a time.



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A Visit to the State Capitol

The Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour was well-received this year by high school juniors as 19 students competed for one of five seats on a chartered bus heading for Washington, D.C., June 10.

A portion of the competition involved a complimentary trip to Frankfort in April for all participants. Students and chaperones spent the day touring the Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion, and the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Lunch was provided at the Capitol and participants heard from various speakers, including The Honorable Len Peters, Secretary, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet; The Honorable Ryan Quarles, State Representative, District 62; and Ms. Megan Cummings, KEES Coordinator for Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

Based on a personal interview, essay, and test, five students were awarded an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 10-17. Those students are Jonathan Haws (John Hardin High), Kristen Penning (John Hardin High), Braden Proffitt (North Hardin High), Natalie Smith (Central Hardin High), and Noah Wiersema (Central Hardin High).

The Washington trip is packed with tours of historical monuments, buildings, and museums like the Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Jefferson Memorial, Ford's Theatre, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and

many others. In addition, the teens enjoyed an evening of sightseeing and dancing as they cruised along the Potomac River.

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.

Washington Youth Tour participant Taylor Cecil, below, shares a smile for the camera as Braden Proffitt and Kaitlyn Claggett wait their turn in line at Baskin-Robbins. Traditionally, Nolin treats the students to ice cream before heading home from Frankfort.



The 2011 Washington Youth Tour participants are: (front left to right) Rebecca Hinkle, Aaron Miller, Natalie Smith, JoAnna Dyrdek, Kaitlyn Claggett, Rachel Allen, and Megan Compton. Rear left to right are Kristen Penning, Jonathan Haws, Matthew Moreman, Braden Proffitt, Noah Wiersema, Taylor Cecil, Jordan Ellis-Reeves, Sean Wathen, Sierra Hall, and Brittany Riggs.

Celia Thomas and Victoria Nichols competed in the Washington Youth Tour program but were unable to attend the Frankfort Youth Day activities.





Elizabethtown Sam's Club
will host an open house
for ALL Nolin RECC members
on Sunday, July 10,
from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

*Discover exceptional value with a
Sam's Club Membership*

Start it off with a \$10 gift card when you join or renew!* Please present this ad and your Nolin RECC membership card, or Co-op Connections Card, to receive your \$10 gift card at Sam's Club.

*upon payment of membership, you will receive a \$10 Sam's Club gift card. \$40 primary Advantage Membership includes one primary card and one spouse (or other household member 18 years or older) card. Primary Memberships are valid for one year from the date of issue. The gift card with this offer cannot be used toward Membership fees. Certificates and special promotions are not valid on samsclub.com or by mail. Primary membership fee (up to \$100 for plus members) will apply at time of renewal. Not valid with any other offer. To view our privacy policy, visit samsclub.com.

2011 Theme Park Discount Tickets



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

	Nolin Discount price	Regular price
Adult	\$24	\$51.99
Children under 48"	\$24	\$31.99
Senior 62 and up	\$24	\$31.99
Children under 3 FREE		

These tickets are available only to members of Nolin RECC.



	Nolin Discount price	Regular price
Adult (one day)	\$36.50	\$42.95
Children under 54"	\$31.50	\$32.95
Senior 60 and up	\$31.50	\$32.95
Children under 3 are FREE		

Admission to park includes free soft drinks while in the park. These tickets are available only to members of Nolin RECC.

Look out Below: Call Before You Dig

Whether it's a dreamed-of deck addition or a landscaping masterpiece, summer weather is a great time for outdoor improvement plans.

But if your planned projects include digging, like planting a tree or bringing in a backhoe for trench work, you'll have to wait a few more days so the job can be done safely. Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water, and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a summer project into a disaster.

A few days prior to digging, call 811 to find out where utility lines run on your property.

Your call will be routed to a local "one call" center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and affected local utilities will be notified.

In a few days, a locator will arrive to designate the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes, and cables with flags or marking paint so you will know what's below. After markings are in place, you can begin the project safely.

Although many homeowners tackling do-it-yourself digging projects are aware of "Call Before You Dig" services, the majority don't take advantage of the service. A national survey showed that only 33 percent of homeowners called to have their lines marked before starting digging projects, according to the Common Ground Alliance, a federally mandated group of underground utility and damage prevention industry professionals.

Although light gardening typically doesn't call for deep digging, other seemingly simple tasks like planting shrubs or installing a new mailbox post can damage utility lines. A severed line can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

Never assume or guess the location or depth of underground utility lines. There's no need: the 811 service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury. For more information about local services, visit www.call811.com.

Sources: *Common Ground Alliance, SafeElectricity.org*



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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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 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 11

Tractor Pull • Mark Comley • Miss Hardin County Fair Pageant • Miniature Horse Show
Parent-Child Look-a-like Contest • Rides provided by Meyers International Midway

\$1.00 OFF REGULAR ADMISSION PRICE OF \$9.00

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



Raise the temperature a little; save a lot

The U.S. Department of Energy says you can save 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills by simply setting your thermostat 10 degrees higher in summer or back in winter—for eight hours. You can do this automatically without sacrificing comfort by installing a programmable thermostat.

But cranking your thermostat way up whenever you leave the house won't necessarily reduce your air conditioning bill.

Here's what doesn't work:

1. Changing the thermostat setting for short periods several times a day. If you'll be gone for less than six hours, leave your thermostat where it is.

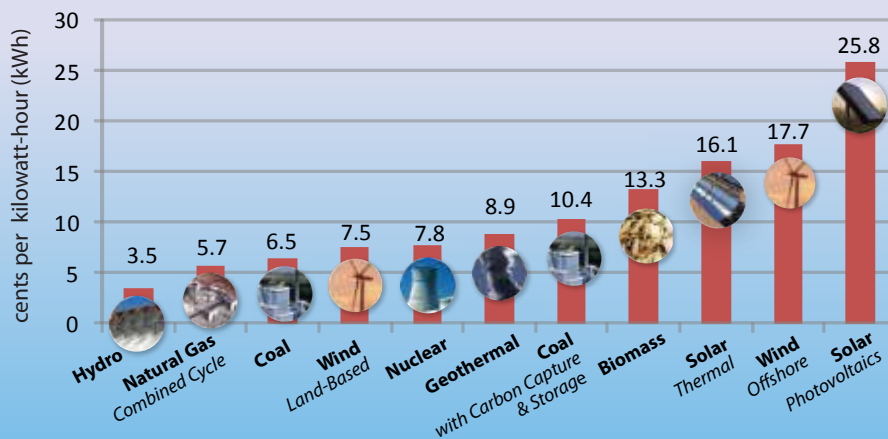
2. Lowering the thermostat to 60 degrees when you get home to kick the a/c into high gear and cool the home quicker. That doesn't cool your home off any faster, but it will use more energy than if you set the thermostat to a reasonable temperature.

Your best bet: set it and forget it. If you replace your old thermostat with a programmable model, you can set various schedules for work and sleep on weekdays and weekends—and let the thermostat “remember” when to change for the most efficient—and comfortable—result.

A caution: don't use a regular programmable thermostat with a heat pump.

The Cost of New Generation

The cost to build new power plants can vary widely. Each type of generation carries a ballpark price tag. The costs shown below, based on each kilowatt-hour produced, take into account plant construction, fuel, operating and maintenance costs, operating performance assumptions, expected operating life, and general tax and financing assumptions. Wind and solar generation are not directly comparable to other technologies because their power production varies based on weather conditions.



Estimates by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association using U.S. Energy Information Administration data from April 2011

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Weather Summer Storms Safely

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) encourages consumers to practice caution and safety during summer storms, which at times can be severe. Beware of flooded areas caused by heavy rains—water and electricity do not mix! Below is safety advice to use following a summer storm:

Flooded areas

Be careful when attempting to walk in flooded areas and remember that submerged outlets or electrical cords could energize the water.

Wet electrical equipment

Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet. Water can damage the motors in electrical appliances, such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, and dryers. Electrical parts can pose a shock hazard or overheat and cause a fire.

A qualified service repair dealer should recondition electrical equipment that has been wet. Certain equipment will require complete replacement, while a trained professional can recondition other devices.

Portable generators

Take special care with portable electric generators, which can provide a good source of power, but if improperly installed or operated, can become deadly. Do not connect generators directly to household wiring. Power from generators can back-feed along power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including line workers making repairs. A qualified, licensed electrician should install your generator to ensure that it meets local electrical codes.



Thunder and lightning rolling your way?

All thunderstorms produce lightning and all have the potential for danger. Those dangers can include tornadoes, strong winds, hail, wildfires, and flash flooding, which is responsible for more fatalities than any other thunderstorm-related hazard.

In the United States, lightning kills 300 people and injures 80 on average, each year. And lightning's risk to individuals and property increases because of its unpredictability—it often strikes outside of heavy rainfall, up to 10 miles away.

Ready America, a national public service campaign from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), champions the 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule. ***Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.***

It's also important to be familiar with the terms used to identify thunderstorm hazards. For instance, a thunderstorm watch means there is a possibility of a thunderstorm in your area. A thunderstorm warning means a thunderstorm is occurring or will likely occur soon. If you are advised to take shelter, do so immediately.

There are several things you can do to prepare your home for summer storms:

- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a severe thunderstorm.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Shutter windows and secure outside doors. If shutters are not available, close window blinds, shades, or curtains.

Finally, as with all emergency situations, listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials. For more tips on weathering storms safely, visit www.ready.gov.

Sources: Ready America, ESFI, and NRECA

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, **Michael Slonecker**, of **Elizabethtown**.

Online payments

Access your Nolin RECC account through our Web site at www.nolinrecc.com. Click on "YourAccount" to check your consumption history and make payments by debit card, Visa, or MasterCard. To apply for budget billing and automatic draft online, click on "Residential Bill Payment."

GRILLS!

Special July Sale ALL Grills 10% OFF!

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 and MasterCard accepted.



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Come in and get your grill today!

Two sizes available!



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

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ELIZABETHTOWN OFFICE

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8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri • (270) 765-6153

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101 West Lincoln Trail Blvd., Radcliff, KY 40160
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri • (270) 351-2199
(Office closed from 12:30-1:30 daily)

TOLL-FREE BUSINESS CALLS — 1-888-637-4247

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER — (270) 769-6396

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